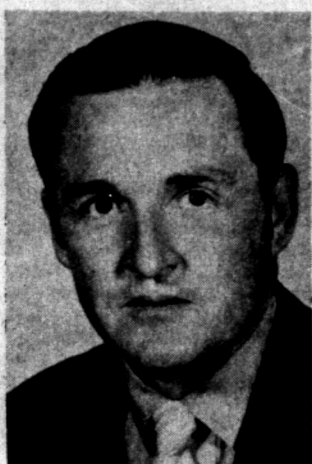
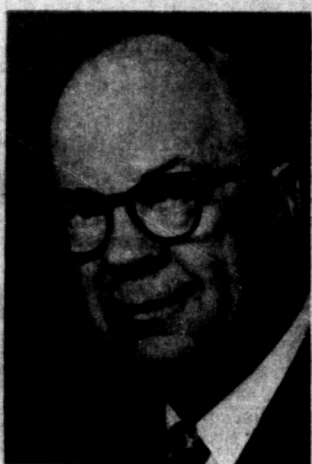


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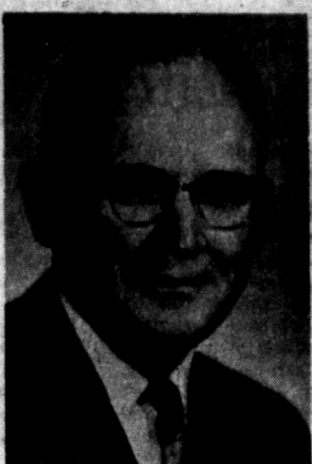
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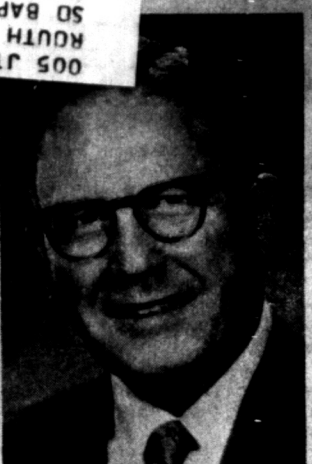
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### SBC Up In Membership, Giving

## Protestant Giving Is On Rise

NEW YORK (RNS) — Even though membership of many Protestant churches is declining, contributions continue to increase, according to a National Council of Churches study.

A total of \$4,615,607,162 was received last year by 39 churches covered in the survey, an increase of \$229 million or about 5.2 per cent over the year before, and a per capita increase from \$93.35 to \$99.16. According to government figures, the rise in the cost of living for 1972 was 3.3 per cent.

A separate study of 10 denominations, each of whom showed a membership loss, found total income up by \$88 million, reaching \$2,629,977,932. At the same time total membership of the 10 denominations decreased by 1,542,364 to reach 28,327,344.

Per capita giving for the 10 rose from \$96.74 to \$103.33, an increase of \$6.59 or 6.7 per cent.

The denominations included in this separate study were American Baptist Churches, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal Church, Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church and United Presbyterian Church.

The nation's largest Protestant body, the Southern Baptist Convention, reported an increase in both membership and contributions. Total Southern Baptist giving passed the

\$1 billion mark for the first time for any U. S. Protestant body, increasing by more than \$96 million to reach \$1,071,138,856. Membership increased by more than 240,000 to top the 12 million mark, and per capita giving rose from \$82.44 in 1971 to \$88.78 in 1972.

A sampling of five conservative, smaller denominations showed an increase of 5.6 per cent in contributions, just slightly more than the total group of 39 Churches. The five were Church of the Nazarene, Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, Evangelical Church of North America, Free Will Baptists and Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Contributions for the five increased by \$6,235,532 to reach a total of \$119,039,870. They showed a slight rise in membership, a gain of 4,819 to reach a total of 643,259.

Highest per capita giving was reported by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, whose 449,188 members gave an average of \$417.20 during the year. The denomination was also unusual in that 70 per cent of the total was earmarked for benevolences, almost the reverse of the usual relationship.

Of the total amount given to the 39 bodies studied, only about 20 per cent — \$924,790,413 — was for benevolences and about 80 per cent — \$3,690,816,749 — was for congregational expenses.

A compilation of reports for Canadian Protestant denominations showed income for nine of the largest

Churches rose from \$160,688,905 to \$167,543,383, while combined membership was declining from 2,760,421 to 2,653,015. Per capita gifts rose from \$81.68 to \$88.13.

The annual report was compiled by the NCC Commission of Stewardship, under the direction of Rev. Nordan C. Murphy, in cooperation with Constant H. Jacquet, Jr., editor of the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, an NCC publication. The report is being published now in pamphlet form and will also appear in the 1974 Yearbook, scheduled for publication next Spring.

### Baptist Leaders

## Bright Future In Government Is Predicted

By the Baptist Press

A group of prominent Southern Baptist leaders urged a greater awareness and involvement on the part of Christians in the wake of what they called "sorrowful" and "disgraceful" developments surrounding the resignation of former Vice President Spiro Agnew and his plea of nolo contendere (no contest) to charges of income tax evasion.

Responding to Baptist Press inter-

views were Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Brooks Hays, former Arkansas congressman and former SBC president; Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee; Roy D. Gresham and James A. Langley, respective top executives of Baptist conventions in Maryland and the District of Columbia; Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission; and James E. Wood Jr., director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Expressing "surprise and regret" at the revelation of Agnew's guilt and his resignation from the nation's second highest political post, Cooper said he believes "the nation will come out stronger for this (the Watergate and Agnew situations), because I believe people will come out stronger in their selection of candidates for the future and will be more careful in their balloting."

The Southern Baptist layman, a retired industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss., reapplied a statement he made on Watergate in the SBC president's address in June in Portland, Ore.

"There is a lesson for us in Watergate — and now in the situation with Mr. Agnew," he explained.

The Portland speech said, "It (Watergate) shows us that wrongdoing is no respecter of persons, that exalted position offers no immunity for crime, that misuse of money is the root of all kinds of evil and that the secular and materialistic standards of a secular society operate on the basis that every man has his price, that there is no wrong if you're not cau-

Another son, Robert L. Seale, also works for the Sunday School Board as supervisor of a design section in the art services department.

The flood waters, which severely damaged residences, also damaged Bass Memorial Baptist Hospital in Enid, although it didn't lose its power as did nearby St. Mary's Hospital, according to reports.

"Because the Catholic hospital was flooded and lost most of its power, the Baptist hospital handled many extra patients in its emergency rooms," reported the Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma's statewide Baptist news publication.

Doctors reportedly worked around the clock, and extra workers replaced those who couldn't make it to work. Hospital ceilings suffered damage, and the first floor had six to eight inches of water, but hospital operations soon were brought back to normal.

Donnel, a member of First Baptist Church, where the elder Seales at-

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## Oklahoma Flood Destroys Life, Property

By Robert O'Brien  
For the Baptist Press

A flickering porch light — the only light in the house still operable — probably saved the lives of a retired Baptist couple in Enid, Okla., during the height of recent flooding in north-west Oklahoma.

The flooding, precipitated by 16 inches of rain over a span of a few hours, caused extensive property damage, including Baptist facilities, and took at least eight lives, including the life of Ed Donnel, a member of Enid's First Baptist Church.

Orville Seale, 73, and his wife, Mary, 68, spent nearly four hours atop kitchen appliances as water rose neck-deep in their home before their dramatic rescue.

"Mom said they wouldn't leave the house because of the swift current," said her son, Tom Seale, art supervisor for the marketing services art section of the Broadman division of

the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

"She said she could see cars tumbling down the street like pebbles," Seale told Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist news service.

Seale said his mother, hearing neighbors calling for help, waded to her front door in neck-deep water and saw men in a boat rescuing people across the street.

"So she flicked the porch light on and off to attract attention," Seale said. "It was the only light working. She didn't think they saw it because they left."

But not long after she had climbed back on top of a washing machine, the Seales, both cold and weak, heard a bumping sound and voices calling. They waded to the front door, but the water had risen so high they could see only the side of the boat at the front door, almost above their heads.

Seale said his mother and father stood on a chair and the rescuers "tipped the boat onto its side in order to pull them up."

### Some Issues Before The Southern Baptist Convention

## T. B. Maston Speaks:

EDITOR'S NOTE: Two of Southern Baptists' respected leaders discuss issues before the denomination. The loyalty and commitment to Southern Baptists on the part of both men is unquestioned. The article reporting the opinions of Dr. T. B. Maston, retired professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is by Baptist Press. Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma, wrote for the Baptist Message.

NASHVILLE — A Southern Baptist elder statesman assumed the role of "loyal critic" and led members of the denomination's Christian Life Commission here through what to him was a "personally painful" examination of trends affecting Southern Baptist Christian social concerns.

T. B. Maston, speaking at the commission's annual meeting, bared his feelings on such sub-

jects as "big business" attitudes within the denomination, ultra-denominational publishing efforts, freedom of press and conscience, the charismatic movement and maintenance of Biblical theological foundations for ministry.

"One condition that I think very definitely affects the Christian Life Commission and what it stands for is the affluence which has touched and influenced all of us in the entire program of our denomination," said Maston, professor emeritus of Christian ethics of Southwest-

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## H. H. Hobbs Answers:

T. B. Maston and I have been friends for many years. We still are, and will continue to be. We both love Southern Baptists, and are concerned about their present and future. So what I shall say is to speak in love on a press report of Doctor Maston's recent message at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Let me say at the outset that the report deserves serious read-

ing and consideration, whether or not one agrees with it entirely. I do not question Doctor Maston's thesis nor his motive in sounding a prophetic warning. In my judgment it should be considered more in that light than as a statement 'as to presently existing realities. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Realizing that it requires more space to analyze a statement than to make it, however, I do want to point out certain things.

One thing, as reported in the press Doctor Maston in certain areas speaks generally rather than specifically. To generalize in a given area is to fail to touch upon specifics. For instance, if I say that some seminary professors are liberal, I cast a shadow of doubt over every such professor. The question I would ask is: Which denominational leaders pressure which editors to make their papers "little more than promotional agencies?" One valuable service the state papers render is to promote our programs and

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### Away With A Manger At Pageant In Washington This Christmas

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Jesus won't be allowed in the Christmas Pageant of Peace this year near the White House.

"A lot of people are upset," said Arthur J. Lamb, chairman of the week-long event. "But it looks like we have no other choice."

The Court of Appeal's decision applied to a longstanding suit which sought an outright ban of the nativity scene, traditionally a part of the display around the nation's Christmas tree at the 19-year-old pageant.

Actually, the court gave the government the option of withdrawing its full-fledge sponsorship of the event, while still contributing technical and financial help, in order to avoid the church-state conflict.

The suit involved was filed four years ago by an Episcopal pastor, the president of the American Ethical Union, a rabbi, a Roman Catholic priest and an atheist.

ght and that Christian ethics and virtue died as our scientific and technological age was born.

"If from Watergate and Mr. Agnew's situation we learn there are moral standards, Christian ethics, right and wrong and that we need to return to the simple virtues of our founding fathers — then these developments may have been worth the price," Cooper told Baptist Press, the SBC news service.

Cooper called for a return to the "Judeo-Christian moral values as reflected in the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments and in the teachings of Jesus Christ" — a return to "using love and compassion as our guide of conduct in relation with our fellow man."

Routh and other Southern Baptist leaders echoed Cooper's dismay with

the widely-publicized reports of political corruption in the United States. Routh and Hays expressed concern that political scandals might cause American young people to lose faith or interest in the nation's form of government.

"Christian young people should look to political life as a challenging vocation for meaningful service to God and man," Routh stressed. "Apprehension increases when the highest officials of our nation either admit guilt or their top advisors are under suspicion for wrongdoing."

"We must balance this apprehension with a faith that multiplied thousands of government workers are committed to the public good and are guided by genuine ethical concerns," Routh said.

Hays, 75, said, "We can take heart."

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tend, was one of the first fatalities of the flooding, the Baptist Messenger said.

Seale told Baptist Press his mother said rising water forced Donnel, an auto mechanic who had gone to his shop to remove cars, to climb on top of a vehicle. He reportedly drowned when he fell from it.

Three Baptist churches, First, Calvary and Trinity, all in Enid, were holding revival services when the flood hit.

Tornado warnings sent people to the

basement of First Baptist Church, and some were stranded and spent the night. Heavy rains caused the ceilings in the nursery and education portion to collapse.

Young people spent much of the time helping to mop and sweep water out as it came through floor drains and toilet stools, but the revival continued and ended on schedule the following night, the Baptist Messenger reported.

At Calvary Church, the church building escaped serious damage, but the flood damaged many of the members' homes and reportedly injured

six to eight of them.

Calvary's pastor Jim Logsdon and the evangelist were stranded across town, and the revival ended early.

Revival at Trinity Baptist Church, which suffered no damage, continued as scheduled.

Reports also indicated that a newly constructed Baptist church, First Church in Dover, suffered extensive damage.

Several Baptist churches in Enid reportedly served hot meals to flood victims during the cleanup operation and have provided other emergency services.



Pastor In New Pastorium At Parkway, Houston

Open House for the new pastorium of Parkway Church, Houston was held Sunday afternoon, October 14. A dedication service had been held Sept. 30. The new home is now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Ira Bright, pictured. On property secured several years ago from members of Parkway, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wofford, it is a three-bedroom, two-bath, brick veneer with central heating and cooling. The Building Committee included Charles Rhodes, Chairman, Charlie Lee Griffin, Joe King, Mrs. Joyce Houser, and Mrs. Alice Harmon. Construction was by Billy Warnick.

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at the Coliseum; Dr. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. James Coggin, pastor Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Jerry Clower, humorist and lay preacher, Yazoo City; Dr. J. Leo Green, professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Rev. Ken Lyle, minister of associational services, New York City; Dr. James L. Sullivan, president, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; and Rev. Robert Wall, director of church relations, Mississippi College.

Dr. Donald Ackland, preacher and

teacher of Nashville, Tenn., will lead the convention at each session in "Deeper Treasures of the Bible."

A native of England, Dr. Ackland was for many years on the editorial staff of the Sunday School Board.

The opening Tuesday morning session is always a convention highlight at it includes both the president's keynote address and the convention sermon, which will be delivered this year by Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pascagoula.

This session will also include the organization of the convention, report of committee on order of business, and introduction of new workers.

This session, as well as all convention sessions at the church, will feature "Moments of Inspiration," which will include scripture passages by several messengers, prayer congregational singing and special music.

Tuesday afternoon's session will feature a business period which will include election of officers, presentation and referral of resolutions, presentation of 1974 budget and reports of several committees.

Tuesday evening's meeting will be featured by the program, "Spotlighting the Executive Secretary."

The Wednesday morning session will be marked by two inspirational messages, reports of committees, a panel presentation, the Convention Board report and adoption of the budget.

A panel program, a convention overview presentation and an inspirational message will highlight the Wednesday afternoon session.

Wednesday evening's program will feature the address of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, an "Adventure in Pioneer Missions" and a report on Gulfshore Assembly.

Thursday morning's session will be marked by the closing message by Dr. Cauten, report of committee on resolutions, another inspirational message, a vocal and visual program and a panel presentation.

There will be no Thursday afternoon session and complete information on the annual youth session in the Coliseum Thursday evening will be released later.

Dr. Grant will be assisted in presiding over the convention by Dr. Robert Hamblin, Tupelo, first vice-president, and Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi, second vice-president.

Horace Kerr, Jackson, is recording secretary, with Rev. John McDonald, also of Jackson, associate recording secretary.

Convention organist will be Mrs. Bobbie Smith, of the host church, with the pianist to be Mrs. Harold C. Waldrep, of Holly Springs.

Other members of the order of business committee are: Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg; Rev. Tom Dunlap, Puckett; Dr. Harold T. Kittens, Kosciusko; Rev. Oliver Laddner, Magee, and Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo.

Scientific words such as "adenyl cyclase," "allopurinol," "allotype" and "atherogenic" are not calculated to turn you on, but they do have significance: they are all found in Webster's New Collegiate and in no other competing dictionary. They also represent the great expansion of science and scientific terms of recent years.

## Bright Future In Government

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Young people need not view politics as an ignoble vocation. Their religious and moral principles are needed, and their dedication to the unfinished tasks will give us, their elders, greater hope." Hays served as SBC president in 1958-59.

Continuing the note of positivism on the future of American politics, Wood, director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in the nation's capital, said the "telling evidence of criminal lawlessness in high places soberly challenges all of us to a recommitment to integrity in government, without which no government can be maintained or can merit public trust."

He continued, "Let us hope and pray that out of this crisis may come a real turning point in American public life."

A recent "Statement of Concern" issued by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs during its meeting in Washington, D. C., called for an "affirmation of trust in the basic principles of the American system" that separation of church and state does not mean separation of religion from government or politics, nor should it imply the divorce of religion's basic moral and ethical principles from the conduct of public affairs, we voice our concern over some recent developments in public life and reaffirm our commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy."

The committee's statement was released about a week prior to the former vice president's day in court and his resignation.

The executive secretaries of two neighboring Baptist conventions differed slightly in their reaction to Agnew's resignation and his admission of guilt before Federal District Court Judge Walter E. Hoffman in Washington.

Langley of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention said that despite Agnew's "recent vehement denial to guilt and impending resignation, I was not greatly surprised either by his resignation nor his admission of income tax evasion."

"Political analysts of the first rank for weeks indicated he would very probably resign, and one could reasonably assume that the Justice Department in charges affecting the second highest official in the land had the evidence to prove its charges."

Gresham of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, in Agnew's home state, said he had felt personally that Agnew "was not guilty, to the extent, of course, that it was revealed" and called the news of Agnew's guilt "disappointing."

The Maryland Baptist leader said he visited Agnew in the former vice president's office when the Good News for Modern Man translation of the New Testament came out. "I gave him (Agnew) a copy of the book and was able on different occasions to see him and chat with him. I was tremendously impressed with Agnew... and I had personally been an Agnew supporter," Gresham added.

### Sadness Expressed

Both state convention heads expressed their sadness and sympathy for Agnew and his family and for the nation.

Langley said, "I feel chagrined, both personally and for the nation. Under the circumstances I'm convinced that resignation was the only right course for him to take."

The D. C. Baptist leader emphasized that recent developments of political corruption in the nation's government, and now the conviction and resignation of the nation's second highest elected official, is taking its toll on America's image and position in the rest of the world.

Gresham reiterated the Joint Committee's Statement of Concern, saying, the implication of the Agnew scandal for Southern Baptists "is to say to us as Christian people that we ought to become involved in politics, that we ought to have candidates who are Christian, that we ought to have our people in civic and community organizations."

"... If that's where the action is, that's where the needs are."

Addressing himself to what he called a "bad moral climate" in Maryland politics, Gresham said, "This whole moral climate has served a real blow to Maryland and to all Christians in Maryland... It creates a real bad moral climate for us to work in and overcome."

Consensus among the Southern Baptist leaders asked to respond to Agnew's resignation, his conviction and other reports of current political scandal was that Christians shouldn't become cynical about government, nor should they be self-righteous or "dogmatically judgmental."

Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission said he found "no comfort at all in Mr. Agnew's pitiful predicament." Valentine said he joined Christians across the land in praying for Agnew, his family and the nation — "all touched with the feeling of moral infirmities of historic proportions."

In a recent letter from Valentine and Cecil E. Sherman, chairman of the Christian Life Commission, more than 500 U. S. congressmen were called on to encourage the Senate Select Committee to "persevere with its bipartisan investigation" into the Watergate affair, "to the end that no coverup of lawlessness will be tol-

erated and all the lawbreakers may be brought to justice."

The commission further urged the congressmen to give their support to legislation "aimed to correcting abuses in the present political process, including your careful consideration of a plan for the public financing of political campaigns."

The letter, dated October 8, 1973, was in response to a direction from the commission, meeting in Nashville in December.

Even before the Agnew resignation, the commission has scheduled, on Oct. 30, a breakfast for Baptist congressmen in the nation's capital to discuss the "current crisis in gov-

ernment and the shocking distrust of the political process now being expressed by many citizens, and reaffirm our confidence in the political process."

Cooper, Valentine and Sherman are among Baptist leaders scheduled to meet with an expected 50 legislators who are Baptists.

Valentine said Americans should now "bring forth fruits demonstrating that we have changed our own minds about our own sins and to begin rebuilding with a new commitment to Jesus Christ our Lord."

"There is no other way for us to achieve a recovery of morality for ourselves, for our churches and for our country," Valentine said.

## HMB Creates Two New Staff Positions

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has named Toby Druin of Raleigh, N. C., and Lyndon W. Collings of Gary, Ind., to newly created positions.

Druin, associate editor of North Carolina's Biblical Recorder since 1966, will become editor of the mission agency's news service, Dec. 1.

Collings, superintendent of missions for Northwest Indiana Baptist Association, mission agency's news service, Dec. 1. Collings, superintendent Northwest Indiana Baptist Association, was elected assistant secretary of the department of church extension, effective Nov. 15.

The board also named Mrs. Katherine G. Roberson, a systems analyst from Fairfax, Ala., to direct the agency's office personnel. She succeeds Mrs. Evelyn Worley who retires in January.

Druin, 38, worked eight years with daily newspapers in Texas, including papers in Amarillo, Borger, Wichita Falls and Waco, before earning a journalism degree from Baylor University, Waco, and serving with the school's public relations office.

Collings, whose new responsibilities extend from the Great Lakes to Florida, has been a superintendent of missions in Indiana since 1969. He has held pastorates in Kentucky and Indiana.

The Southern Baptist home missions force of more than 2,200 received another boost with the appointment of 26 missionaries and missionary associates.

The 13 men and 13 women work on mission fields across the U. S. under the joint appointment of the Board and the state Baptist conventions in which they serve.

### Year Of Evangelism

## Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othel Feather

A young army lieutenant was returning to his combat unit overseas near the close of World War II. He had been home on an emergency leave to try to save his marriage. But, every effort had failed. There was no reconciliation. His wife had deserted their home for another man while he was overseas fighting for his country. Fortunately there were no children.

The lieutenant had confided in and sought the counsel of a new senior officer friend who had succeeded in winning his confidence. The officer friend was a Christian. The young lieutenant was unsaved and unaware of his spiritual need. Their casual contacts were usually brief with frequent interruptions aboard the crowded troop ship on which they were passengers.

The distraught young officer had bitterly remarked, "I never want to see that little Georgia town again, where we were so happy together, before I left for overseas duty a year ago."

Late one night the officer friend found the lieutenant alone on an upper deck. He tried to engage the grief stricken young officer in conversation, but he was too emotionally disturbed to talk. So, the officer friend gave him a card bearing the following message:

MAN'S CONDEMNATION: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." — Romans 3:23.

GOD'S SUBSTITUTION: The

wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. — He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness, for by His wounds you were healed." — Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 2:24.

OUR SALVATION: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." — Romans 10:9-10.

The officer friend assured the lieutenant of his prayerful concern, suggesting that he needed the Lord's help in this time of crisis. He urged the young officer to read the scripture card carefully with an open mind and a searching heart before he retired that evening.

The next morning at breakfast the lieutenant quietly stepped up behind his officer friend whispering, "Sir, the sun is shining for me today and I have something wonderful to tell you." Later that morning the lieutenant shared a thrilling testimony of finding the Lord and real peace the night before, as he studied the five verses of scripture. He concluded by saying, "It seems strange, but if my life is spared, I want more than anything to return to that little Georgia town, and live a courageous Christian life with the Lord's help."

## "Home" Film Wins Award For SBC Radio-TV Agency

MONTREAL, Canada (BP)—Home, a Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission film on ecology, won first place in the short film category at the First International Film Festival on Human Environment here.

Previously Home captured the 1972 blue ribbon (first place) in the American Film Festival competition and a silver medal in the 15th International Film and TV Festival, both in New York.

In the Canadian festival, connected with the Canadian Film Board, Home competed with entries from numerous countries on such topics as biological conservation, natural disasters, the challenge of urbanization and the new technologies of man and the dangers involved.

The film, one of the segments of 30-minute color documentaries and dramas in the Radio-TV Commission's The Human Dimension series, depicts the ecological crisis through scenes of modern pollution presented in contrast with an Indian



New Missionary

RICHMOND — Miss Rachel DuBard, a Mississippian who was recently employed as a missionary associate to Liberia by the Foreign Mission Board, talks with Foreign Mission Board member John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Grenada, the church Miss DuBard attended when she taught school in Grenada. She expects to be a secondary education teacher in Liberia.

chief's heartfelt love for his natural environment.

It was originally shown on the ABC-TV network's Directions series in March, 1972.



Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, 75 Years Ago

Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, has just celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Participating on the program were the above, Dr. R. A. Tullios, former pastor, from Magee; Rev. Gwin Turner, former pastor, from 1st Church, Mar Vista, Los Angeles; Jennifer Jo Bailey, former Miss Mississippi; Rev. Harold Jordan, pastor, and Wayne Ward, music and education director. There were 1,035 registered guests for the morning service, and many stayed for dinner on the ground, singing, and the evening service. Bowmar has 1075 resident members, a bus ministry, a kindergarten, full-time youth director and a graded music program.





### Floating School Of Evangelism

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The international evangelistic organization, Youth with a Mission, is paying U.S. \$715,200 for a 20-year-old former ferry steamer which, once it is refitted and provisioned at an estimate cost of \$372,000, will serve as a floating school of evangelism around the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The 452-foot ferry, named the "Maori" when it served on the one-night crossing between New Zealand's North and South Islands, will be renamed the "Agape" (Christian love). It will carry an unpaid crew of about

150 and about 200 students, who will pay between \$1,500 and \$2,200 each to participate in a program calling for three months training aboard the ship and 11 months of evangelical work on shore, mainly in the Pacific islands, Asia and Africa.

Youth with a Mission was formed in the early 1960s by an American, Loren Cunningham, and now claims to have 7,000 non-salaried missionaries operating in more than 100 countries. It maintains headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland. —(RNS Photo)

### Served 311 Years

## Nine Emeritus Missionaries Lauded

RICHMOND — Representing a total of 311 years of service in eight foreign countries, nine emeritus missionaries were honored during a recent recognition service here.

To mark the completion of her overseas service, each retiring missionary lady was given a service pin, certificate and a love gift from the Foreign Mission Board (FMB).

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the FMB said, "They have exhibited qualities of commitment to Christ and dedication to His work which have brought blessing through the years to people on their fields of service. Their lives have been an inspiration to Christians in this country as well as abroad."

Miss Josephine Harris, a missionary to Hawaii for 27 years, organized student work there and before returning to the States, was director of university student evangelism and director of the Baptist Student Center at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. A native of Arkansas, she has lived in Louisiana and New Mexico.

Serving in Nigeria for 38 years, Miss Hattie Gardner spent the last 22 years doing evangelistic work in the Okuta area. Her responsibilities included overseeing construction of Baptist schools and churches, advis-

ing teachers and pastors, helping plan associational meetings and supervising literacy workers. A native of McBee, S. C., she taught school in North Carolina for one year prior to her appointment.

A nurse, Miss Amanda Tinkle

served in Nigeria for 34 years. A native of Benton, Ark., she received her nurses training at Arkansas Baptist Hospital (now Arkansas Baptist Medical Center), Little Rock.

Mrs. Homer R. Littleton, complet-

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### Two Meetings Held By Music Department

The Music Department of the Convention Board sponsored two meetings at the Baptist Building on Oct. 16, one an orientation of new ministers of music in the state and the other a reading and choral session featuring Mississippi composers. Top photo pictures group at luncheon session while lower picture shows most of composers present. From left: B. J. Tipton, Calvary Church, Yazoo City; Mrs. Levon Moore, First, Pontotoc; Dr. Benjamin Dunford, Carey College; Mrs. Dorothy Harrison, Southern Hills, Jackson; Noxie Taylor, First, Louisville; Mrs. Derrell Billingsley and Mr. Derrell Billingsley, First, Kosciusko. Those present but not pictured were Mrs. Nan Grantham, Broadmoor, Jackson, and Tanner Riley, First, Clinton.

### Gave Sixty Years Of Service

## Rev. E. S. Flynt, Retired Minister, Dies At Age 82

Rev. E. S. Flynt, 82, Seashore Manor Apartments, Biloxi, a retired Baptist minister who devoted 60 years of his life to Christian service, died Sunday, Oct. 14, in Howard Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for eight days.

The funeral service was held Oct. 16 at First Church, Biloxi. Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. D. Aycock, pastor of Broadmoor, Gulfport, and Dr. Elwyn Wilkinson, Sr., retired, former pastor of Handsboro. Leon Bledsoe, minister of music at First, Biloxi, sang, accompanied by Bobby Brent, organist.

Mr. Flynt served for 15 years as pastor of Handsboro Church, 14 years as pastor of East Howard Church, for seven years at West Gulfport Church. He was instrumental in organizing several churches on the Coast, the last two being Woolmarket and West Gulfport.

Mr. Flynt was born Feb. 18, 1891, in Mt. Olive and graduated from Clarke College, Mississippi College, and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. His pastorates included churches in Kentucky, Indiana and Mississippi. He also spent several years as a missionary in the mountains of Kentucky.

He has served in numerous capacities on Southern Baptist Convention Boards and state convention board and was active in the Ministerial Association and also the Gulf Coast Association.

At the time of his death, he was an active member of First Church, Biloxi, was a member of the men's Adult Choir and teacher of the Senior Adult Men's Class.

Mr. Flynt was a 50-year member of the Masonic Order. He was an Eagle Scout and had spent many years as Scout Master.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson Flynt, Biloxi; two daughters, Mrs. John (Earline) Bergin, Ocean Springs; and Mrs. R. B. (Ernestine) Sumrall, Handsboro; five grandchildren, Mrs. Joy Elizabeth Rushing, John Bergin, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Bodouin, Jr., Rev. Robert B. Sumrall, Jr., and Marvin L. Bergin, one great-grandchild, Tina Elizabeth Rushing; two brothers, Eldry Flynt and Alex Flynt, Mt. Olive; four sisters, Viola Flynt and Myrtle Flynt, Collins; Mrs. Bura Clark, Clinton; and Mrs. Tina Shoemaker, Hattiesburg.

### Plus "Wrinkles, Birthdays And Other Fables"

## ETV To Air 90-Minute Program On "Elderhood In Mississippi"

America's senior citizens have often been called the "forgotten minority." But as their numbers increase, their problems demand attention — and help.

Because of this need, Mississippi Authority for Educational Television in cooperation with the Mississippi Council on Aging will broadcast two programs focusing on the services available to the elderly.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, a national public broadcasting service special, "Wrinkles, Birthdays And Other Fables," made possible by the 3-M Company, will be aired over The Mississippi Edu-

cational Television Network (Channels 19, Biloxi; 17, Bude; 23, Greenwood; 29, Jackson; 14, Meridian; 18, Oxford; University; and 2, Mississippi State).

Designed to add a new humorous and informative wrinkle to a largely shunned subject, the program is being hosted by comedian Flip Wilson who is joined by a host of stars including Art Linkletter, Rose Marie, Sue Ann Langdon, Joan Darling and Barbara Feldon. The program will explode myths and stereotypes associated with the elderly and growing old.

Following the national program, Mississippi ETV will produce a 90-

minute special, "Elderhood in Mississippi," that focuses on practical information about the services available to the elderly throughout Mississippi.

Topics to be discussed are money, health, living arrangements, transportation and the opportunities to continue community activity participation. Many subjects will be discussed under these general topics including the meal programs, income tax exemptions, social security information and, legal aid for elders.

The body of the program will include people from nursing homes, internal revenue, state legislature,

welfare department, legal aid, medical profession and others. There also will be a report from the United States Congress.

"There are two main thrusts to 'Elderhood in Mississippi,'" said Ron Harris, producer-director. One is for the general audience which will tell about programs in operation in Mississippi. This part will tell people how to get in contact with the agency in their area for help."

Hosted by Maurice Thompson of Jackson, the program will feature toll-free telephones to answer any questions from viewers. A group of experts from throughout the state will be on hand to answer questions.

### Anonymous Donor Gives Million To University

RICHMOND (BP)—University of Richmond President E. Bruce Heilman surprised a fund raisers' gathering here with an announcement of a \$1 million anonymous gift to the Southern Baptist school.

The contribution brings to \$18,426,389 the amount raised in the university's present \$50 million campaign, launched in March 1972 to provide future resources for the university.

Chairman of the fund-raising campaign, F. Carlyle Tiller, said the Baptist university has completed the most successful fund-raising year in its history, receiving an estimated \$5 million.

"The University of Richmond is definitely in the big leagues of philanthropy," Tiller said. In 1969 the university received a gift of \$50 million, the largest individual gift ever made to a Southern Baptist college or university, according to the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is also one of the largest ever made to any institution of higher learning in the United States.

### Book Awards Credit Ends December 31

NASHVILLE — Persons holding book awards earned between Oct. 1, 1965, and Jan. 1, 1970, will have until Dec. 31, 1973, to receive two credits for each book award when they apply for one of the New Church Study Course (NCSC) diplomas, according to J. William Thompson, study course coordinator at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

After Jan. 1, 1974, only credits for courses in the current NCSC system can be used, he added. Requests for diplomas should be sent with evidence of book awards or course credit slips to the Awards Office, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

The NCSC became effective Jan. 1, 1970. It consists of Christian Leadership Courses, Christian Development Courses and Foundational Units for boys and girls. The NCSC is sponsored by departments of the board's church services and materials division; Woman's Missionary Union; Brotherhood Commission; and respective departments in state Baptist conventions.

Detailed information about the courses of study, system of credits and diplomas and keeping of records can be found in the "Church Services and Materials Catalog," "Baptist Book Store Church Leadership Catalog," and "New Church Study Course Catalog." Also, information can be obtained from state Baptist offices.

## Church Supports Assembly But Asks Removal To Inland Site

At the regular October, 1973 business meeting of the Union Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Picayune, the following resolution was adopted:

Realizing the need for a state assembly to help enrich the spiritual lives of Miss. Baptists, Union Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Picayune, Miss., Pearl River Baptist Association, voted to put \$1,000 in the 1973-74 budget to be paid on the construction of a new state assembly, provided the facility be constructed inland from the Gulf of Mexico, inasmuch as Gulfshore was heavily damaged by the 1966 hurricane and destroyed by the 1969 hurricane Camille. We feel that it would be a willful waste of God's money to reconstruct on the same highly exposed property, knowing that costs of construction and high insurance rates connected with any new construction in that area makes it a waste of God's money that could be put to a better use on a state assembly inland where property, construction costs and insurance costs are about one-half of that on the Gulf Coast. Also Gulfshore's acreage is small and congested with many undesirable noises and distraction such as L&N Railroad.

Because of the above stated reasons

we the Union Baptist Church, request the Pearl River Baptist Association and her member churches to adopt this resolution and request the Miss. State Baptist Convention to sell the Gulfshore property and construct a larger assembly inland from the Gulf of Mexico. An assembly in quieter surroundings would be more likely to fill the spiritual needs of our people and churches, and at the same time we would demonstrate to the world the sensible use of God's money by Miss. Baptists.

Copies to be sent to (1) Pearl River Baptist Association, (2) Miss. Baptist Convention and (3) Baptist Record.

ROSARIO, Argentina — A record 333 women attending the Argentine Woman's Convention here were informed that the goal for their annual offering had been exceeded by more than \$1,000. Mrs. William Cooper, missionary to Argentina who will be retiring next year, was recognized for her years of service, and a plaque given by the women for the grave of Mrs. Luisa Hawkins, missionary to Argentina who died a year ago, was unveiled.

## Church Library Workshop To Be At Broadmoor

The second annual Workshop of the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization will be held at Broadmoor Church, Jackson Nov. 2-3, according to Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Jackson, president.

Highlighting the workshop will be the annual banquet to be held at Sheraton Motor Inn at 5:30 p.m. Friday with Miss Florida Waite of Pensacola, Fla., as principal speaker.

Miss Waite was secretary of the Church Library Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1943 to 1957 and is well known in Mississippi and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as a speaker and leader in the church library field.

Rev. Wayne Todd, secretary of the Church Library Department in Nashville since 1959, will lead the panel discussion Saturday morning.

Mr. Todd is well known in Jackson

where he served for several years as pastor of Daniel Memorial Church.

Church library workers from every section of the state are expected to be present, according to Mrs. Jordan. The meeting will begin at the host church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and adjourn Saturday at noon.

Other workshop features will include a general session, business meeting, conferences and special music.

Other out-of-state program personalities will include Mrs. O. M. Jones of Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Lawrence Freeman of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Edgar Savage, Nederland, Texas; and John Hack and Glynn Hill, both consultants with the Nashville Church Library Department.

Mrs. Jones was formerly manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson and is well known in the state.

Conferences will include those for

inexperienced librarians, cataloging and classification, book selections, audio-visuals, and promotion.

Vocalist at the banquet will be Mrs. John McNair, of Jackson.

The workshop is promoted annually by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, director.

Other organization officers are: Mrs. Curtis Mullen, Jackson, vice-president; Mrs. Rex Burrow, Rose-dale, program; Mrs. William Hight, Louisville, publicity; Mrs. Harvey Leake, Woodville, historian and Mrs. Louis Enslin, Meridian, secretary-treasurer.

Representing the Jackson Baptist Book Store will be Miss Kathleen Wright and Mrs. Bea Fortenberry.

Dr. David Grant is pastor of the host church and Bob McKee is minister of education.



### First, Nettleton, To Celebrate 125th Anniversary

A celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of First Church, Nettleton will be held Sunday, November 11, with a special service at 11 a.m. Former ministers of the church are to participate. The history of the church will be read. Dinner will be in the church

dining room at noon. At 2 p.m. the new pastorum, recently completed, will be open to visitors. Rev. William Smith III is pastor. Friends, former ministers, former members, present members are urged to attend.



Jones



Todd



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## EDITORIAL

### A Must: A Ministry To People

A few weeks ago we received a moving letter from a lady here in the state, who had passed through some deep waters of suffering and trouble in her own personal life, and also in the lives of some of her loved ones. However, in all these experiences, neither the pastor, nor any of the members of her church, or of her family's church, made any contact, expressed any concern, or took any action of offering to help. Some other Christians of another denomination, did give some assistance which was very meaningful, but the failure of her own church, and of that of her loved ones, left a deep hurt in her heart. The letter was too long for publication, but its message must not be overlooked.

Certainly, I recognize that there must have been some circumstance which brought about this apparent neg-

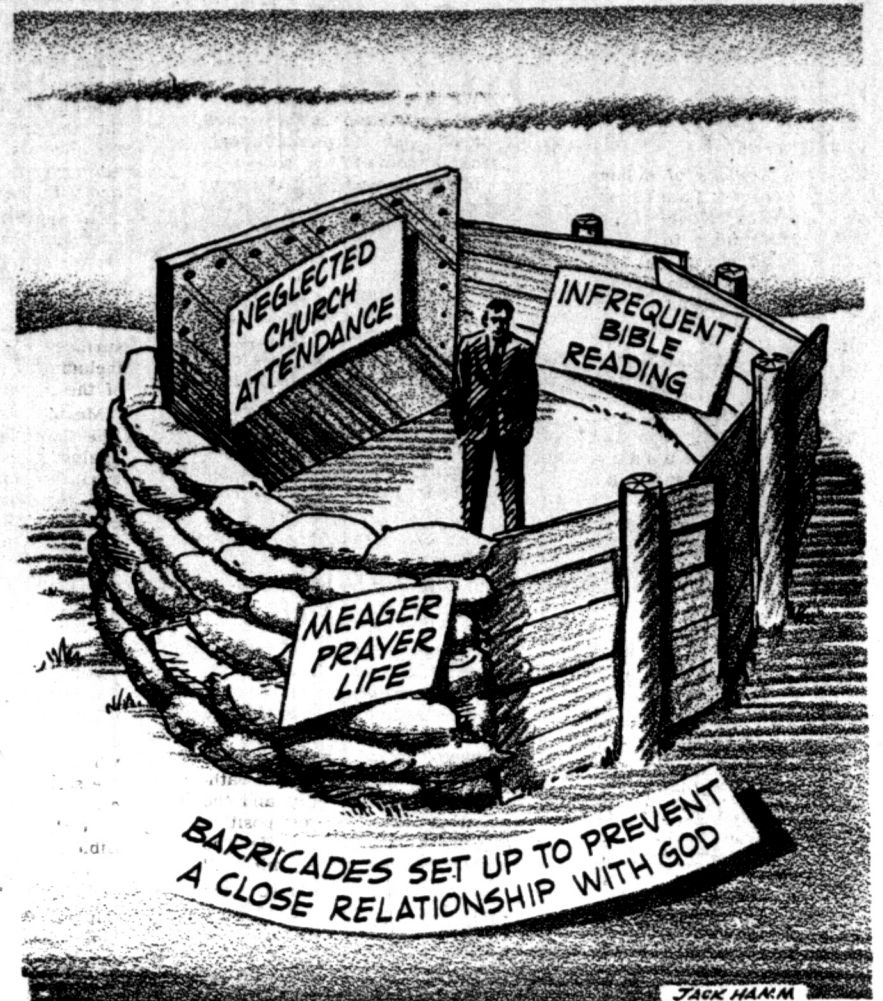
lect on the part of a pastor and of a congregation, for I am sure that it was not intentional. Probably it was a case of their simply not knowing of the need or of the seriousness of the situation. The pastors and Baptist church members that I know are concerned about people and their needs, and nine out of ten pastors and congregations, and probably even a larger percentage, do minister to their people in times of distress and crisis.

Yet, there do come times when pastors and churches do somehow overlook the needs of some member, or of some family. This occasionally happens in the case of active members, although more often it is with those who are not in the main stream of the church life. A publication of another denomination tells of a man who had been a teacher, a tither, and a regular attend-

ant in his church, who, because of some reverses in his business, gave up his class, stopped tithing, and began to drop out of his church. He never was contacted, either by his pastor, or any of his fellow members. This led him to a cynical attitude, and a feeling that his church, located in a large city, had an interest only in programs, and not in individuals. He said that just one telephone call, or one letter, could have made the difference. The man left his old church, but was led to seek a new one, simply because a Christian, outside his own church, did learn of his need, and expressed an interest and a concern.

Both of these experiences lead us to say that churches must be concerned about individuals and must seek to keep a contact with all of their members. Plans should be made whereby the pastor has someone responsible for letting him know when a member needs him. In a large church this is very difficult, unless some organized plan is followed. Sometimes churches assign members to deacons or other committees, simply to be kept up with, and in contact with the church life. At the same time, of course, we would suggest to members that they call the pastor when they need him. Otherwise, he may never know of your need. There is nothing wrong with this, for we call the doctor when we need him or have illness in our home, and we call for other professional help when we need it. None of these simply happen to hear that the individual needs help, and stop by. If you, or your family, or some acquaintance, needs the pastor, or other church ministries, call the pastor or the church. They need to know and want to know.

Whatever plans of contact are followed we always must remember that the church's ministry is to individuals and to families. Jesus was concerned about the one sheep out of one hundred which was not in the fold, and churches and pastors must have the same concern. It is a ministry which our Lord himself has given us.



Self-imposed Condition

### The Power Of A Book

Thousands of books are published each year. Many of them are good, but some are bad. Some will live for years to come, while others soon will die and be forgotten. Some will challenge, and stimulate and inspire. Others will degrade and defile and destroy. It is difficult to measure the power of a book, either for good or for bad.

Many of these constantly appearing books are Christian volumes or are related to Christian work, and some of them find their way into the libraries of our churches. There they become available at no cost for members of the church to read. Southern Baptists have learned that a good library can be a valuable part of a church's ministry. Through such a program, whether the collection of books be large or small, the church serves members of all ages. There are many such libraries in Mississippi Baptist churches, but should be many more. Every church which has not made this ministry available to its people, is missing an opportunity

to bring rich spiritual blessing to its people. Having a library is much more than having a room and a collection of books. Dedicated and trained leaders need to know how to maintain the library, increase its usefulness, and encourage its use.

One way of finding out how to do that is through the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization. Here trained, experienced librarians and leaders of Mississippi Baptist churches have united, to improve the library programs in the churches. Each year they have a workshop and conference, at which methods, plans and programs of library ministry are discussed and studied. The meeting this year is at Broadmoor Church in Jackson on November 2 and 3. All librarians in Baptist churches in the state, whether experienced, or just a beginner, should attend. A story of the coming meeting appeared in the Baptist Record of October 12, and another in this issue. Plan now to have your church represented.

#### NEWEST BOOKS

### January Bible Study Materials Begin To Appear

**AN OUTLINED STUDY OF COLOSSIANS** by L. E. Green (4507 Fort St., Pascagoula, Ms. 39567, 41 mimeographed sheets, \$1.25 postpaid) As he has done for a number of years, Dr. L. E. Green, now retired, has prepared a study outline for the January Bible Study. His outlines have been used across Mississippi and in many other states. A careful scholar, and an able writer, Dr. Green presents his material in a form which helps any student, whether preacher or layman, have a clear understanding of the scripture involved. This study is a fair example of his ability in Bible teaching. The first three pages are given to an introduction which presents a comparison of the books of Colossians and Galatians, and then the facts concerning the city of Colossae, the people there, and the church to which the letter was written. The problem with which the letter deals also is clearly presented, as well as the purpose of the book and the place and time of its writing. Page 4 presents a one-page outline of the entire book and then beginning on page 5 is found a verse by verse exposition and study of the book. Each verse and every important word is considered, as well as the doctrines and teachings which appear. Numerous scholars are quoted and the interpretation of the author is always included. No matter how many other reference books the person who plans to teach or study Colossians may use, he will find this outline very helpful. It may be ordered from the author at the address given above.

**COLOSSIANS TEACHING RESOURCE KIT 1974** (Sunday School Board, SBC, \$6.00) A kit of materials for use in preparation for teaching the book of Colossians, the January Bible Study for 1974, includes a 60-minute cassette tape for teachers. The narrators are A. Stuart Arnold and Ralph L. Murray. Here two men discuss the book, its message, its teaching, etc. Included also is a four-frame map filmstrip for visual use in showing the Colossian geographical area. There also is a 32-page set of expository teaching notes prepared by A. Stuart Arnold. Finally, there is an instruction sheet showing how to use the materials in preparing for the study of the book of Colossians in the church. This will be most helpful material for those preparing to teach Colossians in January, 1974.

**G. CAMPBELL MORGAN SERIES** — Four new books in a reprint series from the writings of G. Campbell Morgan. The books are all from Baker Book House and priced from \$1.50 to \$2.95 according to the number of pages in the book. **DISCIPLESHIP** — A series of messages on the meaning of Christian discipleship. **THE ANSWERS OF JESUS TO JOB** — Sermons from texts in Job with their corresponding truth in the New Testament. **THE TRIUMPHS OF FAITH** — Great

expository sermons on the 11th chapter of Hebrews. **GOD'S PERFECT WILL** — Ten challenging sermons on the will of God in the life. All of these are reprints of some of the great preacher's work published in past years.

**THEY WALKED WITH CHRIST** by David Polling with illustrations by John Lane (Enterprise Publications, 62 pp.). This unusually valuable and beautiful book contains illuminating portraits of the men and women who knew Jesus Christ during his ministry on earth. A portfolio of full-color drawings suitable for framing follows the word portraits.

**DEAR ANN** by Ann McCelvey Wills (Tyndale, 158 pp., \$1.25) Mrs. Wills conducts a question and answer column in a Texas newspaper. Many of the questions and her Christian, biblical answers are given here. The defeats and failure of life are presented and the Christian answer is clearly provided.

**LET'S SUCCEED WITH OUR TEEN-AGERS** by Jay Kesler (David C. Cook, 128 pp., \$1.25) The author says that parents can be successful in their relationships with their teenagers. In practical clear chapters, he shows how communication can be opened and fellowship and understanding can be achieved.

**SITUATION ETHICS** by Joseph Fletcher and John Warwick Montgomery, Dimension Books (Bethany Fellowship, 90 pp., \$95) Joseph Fletcher the father of "Situation Ethics" and Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, a professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, engaged in a debate on situation ethics. Their discussion is presented in full in these pages.

**ABIDE IN CHRIST** by Andrew Murray (Keats Publishing, Inc., 160 pp., \$95) Paperback reprint of an old classic on Christian living. Andrew Murray was known as an outstanding Christian leader and in these pages. He tells how the Christian must abide in his Lord if he is to reach fullness as a Christian.

**GUIDE TO ECCLESIASTICAL BIRD-WATCHING** by LeRoy Koopman (Regal, 58 pp., \$1.00) An attractive small booklet in which an author takes a humorous view of people he has seen in churches. Rather grotesque cartoons and an unusual humorous point of view help picture these "birds" who are found in the churches. The caricatures are spoken in love, but do make a point.

**LIFE AFTER BIRTH** by Bill McKee (Tyndale, 95 pp., \$95) Thirty one daily studies on Christian living. Planned to help the Christian find the meaning of Christ in his daily life.

**SO THAT'S HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE** by Bob Friedman and Mal Couch (Tyndale, 106 pp., \$1.25) The story of how our modern Bible came to be. Tells of the part that various men and groups had in bringing the English Bible to its present form.

**THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE PULPIT** by Craig Skinner (Baker, 255 pp., \$5.95) A fresh study of preaching with a special emphasis on its teaching possibilities and responsibilities. A volume which should help all preachers to do a better job in their major ministry, the pulpit.

**YOUR MIND MATTERS** by John R. W. Stott (InterVarsity, 64 pp., \$95) Can a person logically follow Christ and Christianity? Do we turn off our brains when we turn to God? This author shows that we can use logic in following our faith.

**FOR THOSE TEARS** by Nora Lam and Cliff Dudley (Creation House, 178 pp., \$4.95) The story of a Chinese Christian woman who literally was delivered miraculously from death by a firing squad and who escaped from behind the bamboo curtain to become an outstanding witness for Christ. This is the story of faith and courage and dedication.

#### EDUCATION...what's happening

We have succeeded in schooling a great many people. We have not yet succeeded in educating a great many people — for which sorry fact the declining sales of serious books are some evidence. The typical product of our schools and colleges is mediocre intellectually — no triumph, no disaster.

But the times demand more than mediocrity. Our failure to quicken imagination accounts, in large part, for our national difficulties, now formidable. Our public men tend to lack moral imagination and strength of will; our communities grow ugly and violent because vision and courage are wanting.

Mediocrity in a pattern of education may not be disastrous in itself, and yet it may contribute gradually to private and public decadence.

Who at "Public School 137" really aspires to impart wisdom and virtue? Who at "Behemoth University" has any time for such abstract ends? And yet if those with power in the educational establishment remain unconcerned with wisdom and virtue, the ethos of sociability and material success will evaporate — leaving a vacuum possibly to be filled by force and a master.

—Author Russell Kirk, in an address at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Church Secretary Agrees With Editorial On Pastor's Salary

Dear Sir:

Your article "Are You Being Fair To Your Pastor?" in the October 11, 1973 issue of the Baptist Record was very well written. I wish everyone could read it. It should have been on the front page IN BIG LETTERS.

Too many people are misinformed about their pastor's and employees' salaries. Being a church secretary, I can see just what a pastor has to do and just what he has to cope with. His hours are not from 8 to 5 or just a Sunday job as some people may think.

I am one that feels our pastor and the entire staff deserve a generous increase in salary, but how do we go about getting it? Right now, I am making what most secretaries start off making per month. I have 15 years experience—they have none. I love my work. It's a challenge. That's why I won't change jobs. We, too, have to buy clothes, food, gasoline, pay the baby-sitter, and send children to school like everyone else and all of these things have gone up so much.

A Happy Church Secretary (Underpaid)

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**Politics and Religion** — As soon as his present term is completed, Senator Harold Hughes will enter full-time religious work. Commenting upon his decision, the Senator from Iowa observed, "This nation is on the edge of a precipice; the government will not make the decisions that are necessary unless the people set higher standards and demand these decisions. We raked across the world with our misuse of power; we are raping our natural resources for private profit — and the government will not solve these problems until the people require it." Hughes continued, "I know I have a responsibility to my family, staff, state, party and nation. This decision affects all of them. But when I weighed it all, I knew that the Lord had directed my life until now; and he will use my life for a greater purpose. I can't explain it to you, but I have absolute faith that this is true." — (The Christian Century, pp. 931-932, September 26, 1973)

**Water Pollution** — "In the most 'advanced' country in the world, over half of the U. S. water systems are officially judged to be deficient; 23 million Americans are drinking water believed to be substandard, and 8 million people are consuming water that the federal government calls 'potentially dangerous.'" — (From "Man's Unquenchable Thirst," in Saturday Review-World, Oct. 9, 1973)

**Murder Victims** — "A black resident of New York City is eight times more likely to be murdered than a white resident of the city" according to a study of who kills whom in New York City made by The New York Times. A second key finding of this study is "that in slightly more than four out of five New York homicides, the killer and his victim are of the same race." According to social scientists who deal with the problem of "Why Blacks Killed Blacks," this phenomenon occurs because of the economic and social frustrations of a sharply segregated society and because of the pressures of poverty which might lead to violent acts against the first available target. Also a factor is the cultural heritage of violence which characterizes some low income groups in the United States and which results in the sharply varying rates of homicide. — (By David Burnham, The New York Times, pp. 1 & 46, Aug. 5, 1973)

"Urban Homesteading" is the term being used in Wilmington, Delaware, to describe a plan for getting rid of run-down, city-owned houses in a socially responsible way. "Vacant houses are being given free to heads of households who are willing and



##### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher

When the sun is going down in the afternoon, and the darkening of the day begins, I often remember the way we used to beg our parents when we were small to be allowed to play outside after dark. It was such a treat to be able to do this. In my small town, those years ago, we didn't resist night so much. About all the resistance we put up were street lights on occasional corners, porch lights, and only rarely a yard light of any kind. Therefore, we knew when night was starting, and on most days we were called inside and everybody let night come along undisturbed.

There usually came that day in early spring, often the first day we wheedled permission to go barefoot (or went barefoot without asking and dodged the question later. How did your socks get so dirty on the inside?), when we wheedled to be allowed to play outside as dark came.

The games we played were things like Wood Tag (whoever was "It" couldn't get you as long as you touched something that was wood), Hide-and-go-Seek, and other chasing games. Hiding and chasing were much more exciting in the near-dark when you felt the chilling delight of fear when someone passed so close you had to hold your breath to keep from giving your hiding place away. The warmth of the night hung close, keeping the air sweet with perfume mixed from trees, shrubs, and flowers. Whether it stretched black velvet to heaven or was shining gray with moonlight and stars, the night sky was beautifully calming. It made the world seem bigger to me than the day sky of blue. Whenever a shooting star slid on the black velvet, I always gasped and wondered what we would do with it if it landed in our yard.

Night in my childhood did not hold fear for me. Perhaps that is why I do not mind the night time now. Night thoughts help me to assess the day, to clean out the corners of my mind and get myself in order for the next day.

Night time has a way of lighting star-lamps for the next paths I will be walking.

able to rehabilitate them. The homesteader is given a list of required renovation and cost estimates and a list of reputable contractors and suppliers. He then has 18 months in which to bring his house up to city code standards. He must agree to live in the house for three years." (Saturday Review-World, p. 45, September 25, 1973)

Every citizen should take stock of himself and the part he is playing in making this a great nation.

The man who expects to go to heaven should take the trouble to study the route that will get him there.

Today will be yesterday tomorrow.

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# T. B. Maston Speaks:

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ern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Citing the millions of dollars handled by Southern Baptist Convention agencies, Maston said, "I'm not condemning the agencies, but the effect is almost inevitable that those who administer these agencies and institutions will have a 'big business' perspective."

"Some, and possibly most, of them will tend to have little sympathy or understanding of the ordinary working man and especially for the underprivileged, the poor and the needy in general."

He said the suburban living patterns of employees of agencies and large churches minimizes contact with the poor and needy — "The very ones with whom the prophets and Jesus were most concerned."

"The rather liberal salaries and fringe benefits paid by some — and I emphasize some — of our larger churches and to some employees of our denominational agencies is dangerous."

"The sympathies of such individuals will tend — and I emphasize tend — to be with the privileged, rather than the underprivileged. Some who receive the large salaries, which may be true of some of us, will not want to know how the other half lives. They'll not want to be disturbed."

Maston emphasized that Southern Baptists "should couple a basically conservative theological stance with our social concern," but he pointed to a "revival of ultra-conservatism" among Southern Baptists, "which is almost fundamentalism" and noted:

"Extreme conservatives have little interest in social morality or social concern in general. This is a threat in so far as there has been a revival there."

Closely related to the ultra-conservatism, Maston said, "is a constantly latent anti-intellectualism" among Southern Baptists.

"Many are suspicious of education. This seems to be true even of some of the educated. This ultra-conservatism and anti-intellectualism makes it difficult for the creative mind to find the freedom it must have to function most effectively," he said.

"We lose some of our most creative young people. Others prefer to stay and work in the denomination, but they're never able to make their maximum contribution, and the denomination is impoverished. What we need desperately is freedom to differ in love. My, my how I wish we had this among Southern Baptists."

Maston outlined problems he sees with both state Baptist papers and Broadman Press, publishing arm of the SBC, operated by the denomination's Sunday School Board.

"I doubted if there is any group among us that influences the thinking of our people more than the state Baptist editors," Maston said. "How grateful we ought to be that a considerable number of them — I didn't say all of them — can be counted in the rank of denominational statesmen."

"There have been and are attempts to make these papers little more than promotional agencies for state denominational leaders. We should help the editors resist every such effort. It's doubtful if there's anything that threatens a democracy, religious or political, more than a controlled press."

Turning to Broadman Press, Maston said, "They're bringing out a book for me in January and I hate to say anything that sounds like I'm critical."

"All of us should seek to cultivate an atmosphere among Southern Baptists that would give our (Broadman) Press greater freedom, as well as give its writers more freedom. You may not believe this, but there are books which will never be written, particularly by the teachers in our seminaries, because they are afraid and concerned about what Southern Baptists will do — not just to them, but to their families (through economic pressure). And that's tragic."

**Don't feel that you are utterly useless. You can always be used as a bad example.** — J. D. Eldridge, Overton County (Tenn.) News.

**You don't have to be sick to break out with a nice, big smile.** — Ed Kummer, The Eaton (Colo.) Herald.

**To put off repentance another day means one more to repent of and one less to repent in!**

**On Aug. 18, 1587, Virginia Dare was born on Roanoke Island, Va. She was the first English child born in North America.**

**It's not the liberty we have, but the liberty we take, which causes most of the trouble.**

"We are the largest non-Catholic denomination in the United States." Our (denominational) press, it seems to me, should be as highly respected in the publishing field as any church-related press. I do not believe that is true.

"It seems to me that the press should publish more quality books — books which will serve the needs of a segment of our constituency (the more educated and sophisticated) that tends to be neglected."

Maston said later his comments should not be interpreted to mean he has no respect for Broadman Press, "which has published many fine books."

"I've had nothing but the best relations with them," Maston said, "but they seem to be pushing mainly subjects which they think will sell, such as on the charismatic movement."

Noting that Southern Baptists have been moving from a "sect type" stance to a "churchly type" position, Maston explained, "Sects renounce the world, emphasize personal rather than social morality and the negative rather than the positive aspects of the Christian life. The 'thou shalt not' are prominent."

In contrast, he continued, "the churchly-type tends to have made its peace with the world, adapts to the culture and... majors on social morality and on the positive aspects of the Christian life."

He said the Southern Baptist move away from sectism has "tended to ignore and in some cases ridicule, the emphasis on personal morality that was formerly so central. The point is that we should have social morality and personal morality. We better have!"

The move to the churchly-type stance, he said, "also tends to leave behind many of the common or poor people who do not have a big stake in the status quo."

He urged Baptists to be "cautiously positive instead of negative" to the charismatic movement.

"We should never try to restrict God in the way He operates," Maston said. "It may be that He has manifested Himself and His power in and through the charismatic movement. I am not going to say He has not."

"I will not object to contemporary manifestations of the spirit as long as those who participate in such manifestations do not make them law for all Christians and do not claim them as a test of whether one is really a Christian," he said.

"Paul laid down some conditions for speaking in tongues that are not being observed by many, if any, who claim to have the gift."

"Let us also remind the charismatics among us... that there are some fruits as well as gifts of the spirit" such as "love, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control."

Maston said he would ask those "magnifying the work of the spirit not to forget Jesus... His teachings and the kind of life He lived among men."

He told the Christian Life Commission that the impact of its work over the past 20 years

shows itself in the programs and literature of a number of denominational agencies.

But, he said, the Christian Life Commission and all those interested in applied Christianity lack the unifying and cohesive issue "to give us a sense of mission and urgency we had a few years ago with the race issue."

He said the commission and Southern Baptists need to increase concern for all kinds of people — with a "special concern for the underprivileged" — and that emphasis on people will surface important social issues — including a possible rediscovery of the race issue.

Maston warned the Christian Life Commission to guard itself against success. "The better the work of this commission gets and the more established and accepted it is by the denomination, the greater will be the temptation of magnifying its ministry of service and minimizing its ministry of challenge. It must fulfill both a priestly and prophetic function in our denomination."

As for its basic thrust, Maston warned the commission and all Southern Baptists to "ground what we do as far as possible on the scriptures — your voice will carry a lot further if you can honestly say, 'thus says the Bible.'"

Maston was asked by the commission to discuss the future and implications of social Christian ethics in the denomination. (BP)

# T. B. Hobbs Answers:

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to report denominational news. Having served for several years as chairman of the committee on Baptist state papers, I know of no editor who is hampered in his editorial freedom. I do know of instances in which state leadership is not always happy with editorials, but I am unaware of anyone who has sought to control the editors.

Again, the report speaks of the danger of "big business" attitudes by administrators of multi-million-dollar SBC agencies, which would result in losing touch with the common man. Southern Baptist work is a big business involving many millions of dollars. And we should be grateful for those who follow Paul's example of being good stewards of their trusts (I Cor. 16:3-4; II Cor. 8:15-21). But to say that they are losing touch with the common man is another matter.

Last spring I spent a quarter teaching at Golden Gate Seminary. I was made aware of the concern of the administration and faculty for ministering Sunday after Sunday to small churches in California. In July I taught at Southern Seminary in Louisville. Shortly before going there I learned that President Duke K. McCall had held a re-

vival in a very small church near Louisville — the song leader was a music professor at the seminary. Baker James Cauthen administers the agency with the largest multi-million dollar budget. Yet no one who has heard him plead for missionaries can fail to see his deep concern for all men. Anyone who has been as close to Paul Stevens and his staff as I have been cannot miss the deep compassion for reaching the last person on earth with the gospel. I can say the same thing about James L. Sullivan and the Sunday School Board.

The fact that the Christian Life Commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award went to Executive Secretary-Treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge and Editor Walker L. Knight of the Home Mission Board speaks for itself. The deep concern of the leadership of both mission boards is that they do not have sufficient mission volunteers to match the funds available for sending them to mission fields. It would seem, therefore, that the lack of concern lies elsewhere. These are but a few examples which could be multiplied if space permitted.

As for denominational workers and church staffers living in the suburbs with a higher standard of living — does this mean lack of concern for those less fortun-

ate? A person lives where he can afford to do so. But this does not mean that his heart is restricted by geographical, social, or economic boundaries. The church of which I was pastor until last Jan. 1, under the leadership of the pastor, voted to remain downtown where the need is. For years it has carried on a ministry in approximately 5 nursing homes. It has a Good Shepherd ministry with the underprivileged which cost thousands of dollars annually and involves some of the most devoted and talented of the church's members. The various outreach ministries, including bus ministries, speak for the concern of denominational and church leadership for reaching people for Christ — whether they live in run-down or elite areas of our cities and communities. And some of our more conservative churches are most active in this regard. Recently an article in the New York Times commended Texas Baptists for their social activism.

What about Broadman Press? A brief glance at the scope of the publications shows that it endeavors to minister to all phases of our people. As for "pushing mainly subjects they think will sell, such as the charismatic movement," it is all a matter of a point of view. I see it as an effort to provide quality reading, material most needed at a particular time. Today it is the charismatic movement. Tomorrow it will be in some other area of need. A few years ago it was the nature of the Scriptures and books were published and pushed on both sides of the question. Broadman Press exists to serve not merely to sell.

Admittedly there is a strong present emphasis in the SBC upon what is termed "ultra-conservatism." But there is also an emphasis at the other end of the spectrum. But I would hardly term either anti or pro intellectualism. It is a matter of honest differences between Christian brethren. One should not characterize the whole in either group by the extremes with a few.

When I was president of the Southern Baptist Convention I received a rather balanced mail saying that both the conservatives and liberals were taking over the convention. Labels are deceptive. As the newspaper reporter explained, "A liberal Southern Baptist is a conservative Protestant."

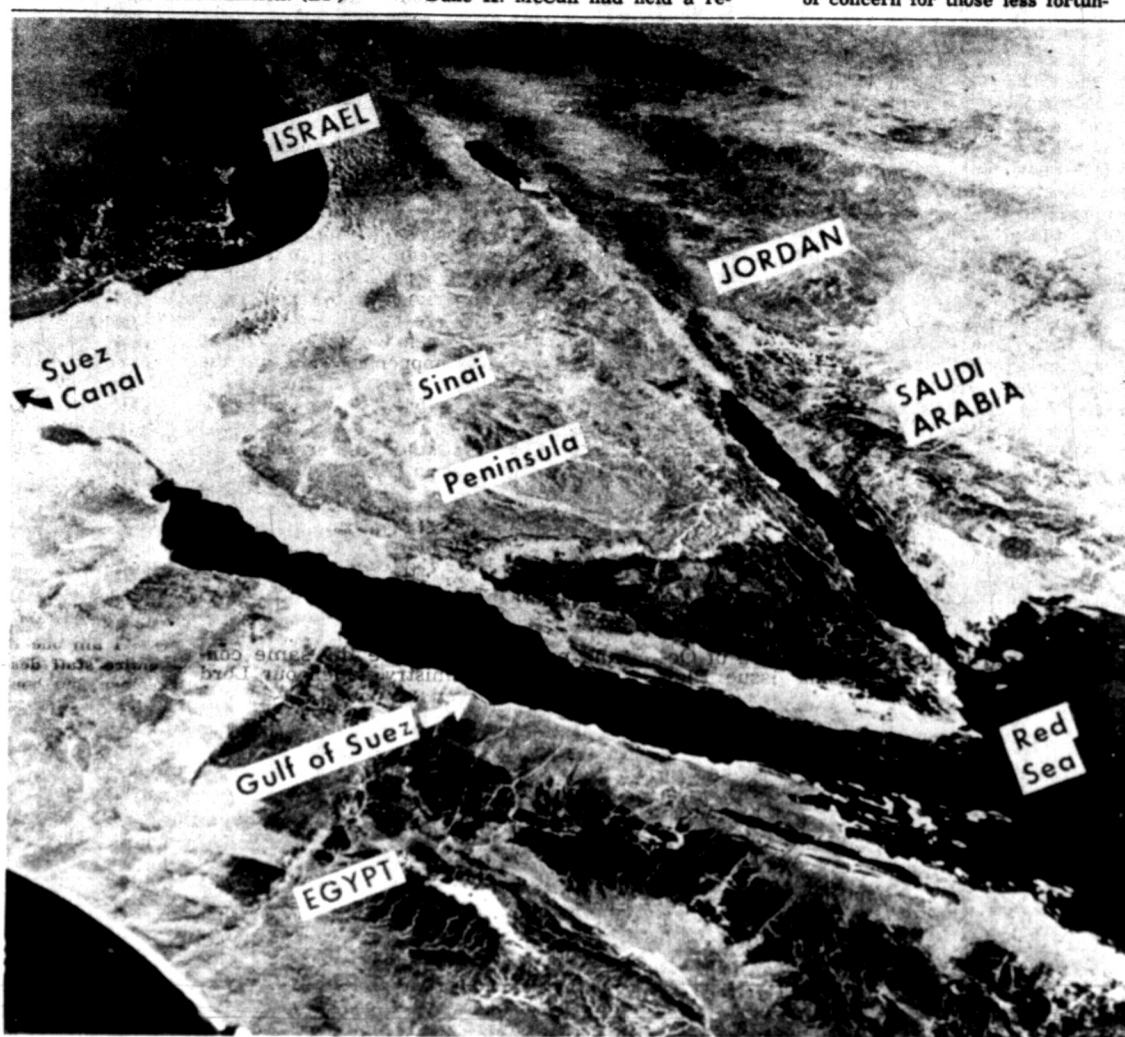
The fact of the matter is that neither of these groups has taken over the convention. That there are more of each is true. But there are more Southern Baptists. In my candid judgment, there are about five percent on either side of center — and not very far off-center — with 90 percent remaining where Southern Baptists have always stood, right down the middle, and not given to extremism at all.

As for social concern among Southern Baptists, it seems to be to be greater than in any previous era. The Christian Life Commission has served as our conscience to goad us to action. Southern Baptists have made and are making constant progress in the area of race relations. Social ministries are in evidence in countless numbers of our churches. Much has been done, but there remains much land to be possessed. Forgetting the things which are behind, we must press on.

But we must not forget that a classical "social gospel" must not be the primary center of emphasis. Southern Baptists must preach and practice a spiritual gospel which has social implications. We must follow the example of Jesus who came to minister to the whole man — spirit, mind and body. Our task is, first, to win people to Christ, then to develop and send them forth as Christian citizens to make their impact upon the social order. And the churches should provide channels and opportunities for all these things to be done.

Doctor Maston sounds this note when he calls upon us to our ministry upon people, and to "couple a basically conservative stay close to the Bible, to center theological stance with our social concern." With this I could not move agree. I am sure that he agrees with me that while we must minister to the underprivileged and downtrodden, we must also minister to those more fortunate in the social structure. Like Jesus, we must minister to both Nicodemus and the woman at the well. For both need to be objects of our concern, each in his own condition.

Like Jesus, also, we must use our social action as a means to reach the souls of men. For he who is without Christ is hungry, naked, thirsty and poor indeed — no matter what his material status may be. I do not add this contrary to Doctor Maston's words. For, knowing his heart I know that to this he would say, "Amen!" The one we must do and not leave the other undone.



The Near East—Center of Past, Present And Future History

This remarkable photograph, taken by the astronauts from 175 miles above the earth, shows one of the most important areas of human history. Here centers most of Bible history, the prophetic history of the future revealed in the Bible, and the Arab-Israeli conflict which has raged for the past two weeks. Battles of this new war have centered in the Golan Heights area which would be just above (on the photograph) the letter L

of the word Israel at the top left center of the picture, and around the word Suez Canal at the left center. On Monday of this week a cease-fire was effected through the efforts of the U.S. and Russia, and United Nations. Christians are interested in what happens in this area, both because of its effect on world peace, and also because of its Bible relationships.

## Retirement: It Calls For Creative Advance Planning

By Theo Sommerkamp  
For the Baptist Press

A pastor should plan far ahead for his retirement years by developing hobbies, learning to live on less money and keeping mentally and physically fit.

One of his greatest adjustments will

### Former Tennessee Executive Dies

TALLAPOOSA, Ga. (BP)—Funeral services were held here for Charles W. Pope, retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, who died at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville. He was 82.

Pope, Tennessee Baptist top executive for 14 years, previously served as pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Chattanooga, and First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Tenn. He also taught elementary school in Steadman, Ga., and missions, evangelism and Greek at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

A native Georgian, Pope moved to Tallapoosa after his retirement in 1956. He is survived by his wife, Mattie Maye Willoughby Pope, and four children.

There are three faithful friends — an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.

—Benjamin Franklin (1738)

A child learns to talk quicker than to keep silent.

—Norwegian

come in surrendering the spotlight of the pulpit and becoming another "layman" in the pew.

He may have to change his place of residence by moving out of the church-owned parsonage. He may even feel he should move out of the city where he has served as pastor for a decade or more.

If he remains a member of the church where he was a pastor, he will have to relinquish the decision-making to his successor in the pulpit. Yet at the same time, wherever he attends church, the retired pastor should remain active in church work.

Sometimes he will have more free time on his hands than he wants or knows what to do with. At times, the retired pastor may suffer from feeling "not wanted or needed" as the congregation reaches out to the new pastor.

The pressure of daily and weekly deadlines will suddenly evaporate and leave a vacuum he must fill by other activities.

More retired pastors will find outlets in gardening and yard work than perhaps in any other activity. Fishing, reading, travel, visiting shut-ins

Praise the child, and you make love to the mother. —English  
A drop of ink can make a million think. —Dunne C. Griggs, The New London (Iowa) Journal.

The thing hardest to keep, even more than money, is quiet. —Harold S. May, The Florence (Ala.) Herald.

and other retirees and various crafts will also help fill the time.

Reduced income may prevent the retiree from doing all the things he had planned to do in retirement. Ill health may handicap him as well.

"Keep busy" is the best advice he will get from those who have preceded him into retirement. They will also urge him to maintain a cheerful outlook on life, not be a chronic complainer and keep up-to-date through reading, association with other people and home study.

These are the opinions of participants in the first pair of Annuitants' Conference sponsored last summer by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

About 120 persons attended the conference in Ridgecrest, N. C., in May, and 130 the conference in Glorieta, N. M., in September.

Questionnaires were completed by 63 participants at Ridgecrest, 49 at Glorieta. However, many married couples turned in only one questionnaire, apparently worked out together.

Asked "What were your biggest adjustments when you retired?" the largest number (24) said, "None." Seventeen said it was coping with the great amount of free time suddenly thrust on them.

Fourteen found it hardest to adjust to contacts with others being severed by retirement or by moving elsewhere.

Thirty-five advised those not yet retired to begin planning for retirement long before the age at which it comes. Gardening, yard work and growing flowers ranked as the leading hobby

or outside interest of 43 respondents. Fishing and reading followed with 29 mentions apiece.

Travel, visiting shut-ins and fellow retirees, handicrafts and woodworking also drew frequent mention.

Different persons will face different retirement problems, but some common factors remain constant. It will benefit a potential retiree — pastor, church staffer or denominational worker — to lay the proper groundwork for what can be a happy new era of service in retirement.

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tary for Colorado Baptists, speaking for the board, recommended that "immediate steps be taken to find someone to write a joint biography about Dr. and Mrs. Cauthen."

M. Hunter Riggins Jr., board member from Virginia and a Ford dealer, presented the Cauthens with a new Ford on behalf of the board. Mrs. Cauthen was given a world clock that indicates the correct time everywhere in the world.

Before becoming the board's top executive, Cauthen was the board's secretary for the Orient, 1945-53; a missionary to China, 1940-45; a missions professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, 1935-39; and pastor of rural and city churches, 1926-39.

When Cauthen assumed his present post 20 years ago, 900 missionaries served in 33 countries. Today 2,500 missionaries work in 77 countries.



## "Go Ye... Begin At Jerusalem"—Missions In Morton

(NOTE: Many migrant workers pass through Morton, from all parts of the nation. Some stay a month. Some stay a week. Some three months. Some two or three years. In and around Morton, they work on the chicken farms and in the poultry industry. East Morton Church has done an outstanding job in ministering to these workers. In addition, the church has branched out into other types of mission work, such as the resort ministry. The following article by the wife of the music director at East Morton discusses the mission work that the church is doing.)

The Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Home Mission Board, SBC, and the East Morton Church share in paying the salary of Rev. Alton Fagan, the missionary mentioned in the story. Also the Home Mission Board contributed materials for two of the mission chapel buildings. Other expenses have all been borne by the church.

By Bonnie Broadhead

Many of us have been oriented with the misconception that all mission opportunities are of necessity in the far northwest, northeast or on foreign soil where both cultural and language barriers offer resistance. East Morton Baptist Church of Scott County has always felt a particular burden for the mission needs in the immediate area.

However, this is a tremendous task for such a small church.

Through the capable leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Foster, former home missionaries, now retired and living in South Louisiana, sound mission work was established in and around Morton. Definite plans were projected for the future.

Rev. Curtis Roland, a native of Scott County, came to serve as our pastor the first of 1973. He is ably assisted by his wife, Doris, and their young son, Anthony. They have contributed much toward the progress of the ministry and the congenial atmosphere of the church.

In May of this year, Rev. Alton A. Fagan, ministerial student of Clarke College, came to serve as missionary of this vicinity. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Fagan of Hattiesburg, he is married to the former Charlene Smith of Stringer. They have four children, Tammy, eleven, Cort, six, Troy, four, and Chrissy, two. It is with the full support and cooperation of his family that Mr. Fagan has been able to perform the numerous responsibilities and accept the challenge of various opportunities the mission field offers. There is much encouragement through his ability to lead, direct and organize the work. He is a man able to penetrate all barriers through the universal language of love, compassion and understanding for this people, a pastor in the fullest sense.

This is not an easy work, but a most rewarding one. It requires full-time participation and cooperation on the part of the pastor and his family and of all the church family. There are four full-time mission stations where weekly meetings are held. The meetings consist of singing, Bible teaching and preaching services. The continued growth in weekly attendance is most encouraging. The chapels reach an average of about 100 persons each week.

Also, there is a clothing ministry which is important. Clothes have been received from numerous individuals, churches and organizations throughout Mississippi. Since records of contributions have been set up, we have received clothes from the following churches: Trinity Church, Rankin County; First Church, Kosciusko; Pearson Church, Pearl; New Fellowship Church, Hickory; and Briar Hill of Rankin County.

Much time is required to receive, sort and disburse this clothing. Effort is being put forth to more conscientiously minister to the people by assisting to select the clothing for the individual particularly according to size, and for the appropriate need.

In addition to the full-time mission work, each summer is begun with lakeside services at Roosevelt State Park. Also a Vacation Bible School is held at each mission station. Neighboring churches of the area have freely given of their time

and talent in the schools for several years. This past summer a "Backyard" Bible School was held under the leadership of Mrs. Barbara Hughes, one of the mission directors. This was well attended by the children of the neighborhood.

Mr. Fagan envisions the addition of a tutoring service for school children.

(Note: The first of the mission Bible schools, held in 1970, was five weeks long. The VBS this summer was for three weeks. Rev. and Mrs. Holmes Carlisle initiated the mission Bible school in the area, for they were both aware of the special needs of these people and wanted to do something to help. Mr. Carlisle is the Scott County associational missionary.)

The mission chapels began with prayer meetings in homes that had a desire to know more about the Bible. Mission Station No. 1 was under the leadership of Mrs. Jean Hatch. It has developed into a very active mission with many decisions having been made and love for God expressed. Mission Station No. 2 began under the leadership of Mrs. W. C. Lum and Mrs. Barbara Hughes and children, Stephen and Kenya. A new building has been erected at this mission point and it is quite comfortable. The attendance continues to grow weekly. Love and concern is conveyed to the people.

Mission Station No. 3 was under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Brooks and Mrs. James Merchant. A new building was erected for this station by the men of the church. It is a very comfortable building and has served efficiently.

Mission Station No. 4 is a young mission begun in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boykin and family. It shows much potentiality.

Mrs. Tony (Linda) Beeland has recently assumed the assorted duties of assisting Rev. and Mrs. Fagan in the over-all mission work. Sherman Richardson, President of the Missions Committees, assists in the various functions of the mission activities and in coordinating the mission work. Every member of the church serves on mission committees that the work may function more easily and effectively and that more may be accomplished for God.

The bus ministry is under the leadership of Clyde Lee Tatum, Reggie Tatum and Billy Thweat. These men have done a tremendous job in reaching and maintaining the outreach ministry.

The resort mission work at the Roosevelt State Park is under the direct leadership of Rev. Curtis Roland, pastor, and Calvin Broadhead, music director. This ministry has served people from across the nation, in every walk of life and of every denomination. Travellers from all the states and Canada have been present at worship services at the park. As

many as 100 have attended at times.

There are always multiple and various needs in the mission field. Some of the more urgent and particular needs include a means of transportation in the order of a van-type bus to be used specifically by the mission work itself. This need is heavy upon the hearts of every mission committee member.

Health-kits are a particular need at the present time, as well as supplies to serve as teaching aids among all age groups, and work clothes, children's clothes to fit all sizes, and ladies' dresses in the larger sizes. It is not at all too early for attention to be given to the need of toys for Christmas for these children in the very near future.

This is missions such as we have spent years reading about in our WMU, GA, RA, and Brotherhood organizations. An opportunity is available for each of us to share the love of God with the lonely, discouraged, and bewildered masses rejected by society and without eternal hope. Our pastors, Brother Roland and Brother Fagan, cannot see potential financial independence or security while associated with our church, nor can they see any hope for a spacious, luxurious, comfortable home in which to live, but they do see opportunity to gather unlimited stars for their crowns. Visitors are always welcome to come observe and participate in this mission endeavor. Just call or contact Rev. Curtis Roland or Rev. Alton Fagan, at Morton.

Any contributions or inquiries should be addressed to East Morton Baptist Mission Fund, P.O. Box 145, Morton, Ms. 39117.

We wish to say a sincere "Thank You" to Southern Baptists of county, state and national level, and all who have expressed an interest in this work, for helping a Vision become a Reality. We continue to solicit your prayers and conscientious support as we endeavor to continue the labor in this vineyard ready for harvest.

### Seminary Gets \$370,000 Bequest For Endowment

FORT WORTH (BP)—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has received a \$370,000 bequest for use as endowment.

The money came from the will of the late Laura Dunlap Sample, a philanthropist and active supporter of worldwide Baptist causes.

Mrs. Sample's bequest has been set up through the Baptist Foundation of Texas, as has a trust fund which she and her late husband, W. Emmett Sample, established to provide regular income to the seminary.

Plastic surgeons can do almost anything with a human nose except to keep it out of other people's business.

## Names In The News

Mrs. Vernon May, pictured, of Louisville, state president, Woman's Missionary Union, has been chosen for inclusion in the 1973-74 edition of PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH.



This volume, published annually, lists people who were selected in recognition of past achievements and outstanding service to community and state. Mrs. May is in her fifth year as president of Mississippi WMU. A graduate of Belhaven College and New Orleans Seminary, she has served in numerous ways in her town and county as well as at the state level. Her husband is pastor of First Church, Louisville.

David Charles Whitten, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, missionaries to Spain, married Sharon Ann Dennis Aug. 25 in Kingston, Jamaica, where they both serve in the Peace Corps. Whitten's parents are from Mississippi. They can be addressed at Mateo Inurria 11, 3C, Madrid 16, Spain.

Robert "Bobby" Walker, a master of divinity student from Jackson, began serving as president of the Student Council at Southwestern Seminary this fall. Walker, a graduate of Mississippi State University, is the son of Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Walker, Sr.



Judie Lide has been selected one of The Outstanding Young Women of America and has been cited for her work in the field of religious education. Miss Lide received a bachelor's degree in religious education in 1969 from MC and is currently serving the Calvary Church, Pascagoula, as minister of education. She is enrolled in New Orleans Seminary continuing study in the same field. Her nomination was made by the Mississippi College Alumni Association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lide of Pascagoula.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Hollifield, missionaries to Italy, can be addressed at Via Cassia 901-B10, 00189 Rome, Italy. Both from Mississippi, he is from Jones County, she is the former Flora Cole of Lamar County.



Roy H. Parkinson, pictured, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Olivet Church, Gulfport. He is pastor of Shoreline Chapel in Waveland, Olivet pastor, Rev. Floyd E. Hughes, preached the ordination sermon. Special music was presented by the Olivettes and by Mr. Parkinson's daughter, Paula Ann. Native of Durant, Mr. Parkinson attended Holmes Junior College. He is studying now with the Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Seminary, Gulf Coast Center. He and his wife, the former Melba Layton of Mendenhall, and their four children, Paula Ann, Rhonda Gay, Jennifer Leah, and Roy, Jr., live at 118 Dare Drive, Gulfport. The family has lived on the Coast since 1958 and were instrumental in the organization of the Olivet Church in 1960.

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Rev. Joe B. Walker, pastor of First Church, Quitman, recently resigned to move to Walnut Street Church, Orlando, Florida. Since graduating from New Orleans Seminary with a master of divinity degree, Mr. Walker has pastored several churches in Mississippi. He and his family were honored with a reception at Quitman on October 7 and were presented with a silver tea service as a token of appreciation and love by members of First Church.

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Perfect attendance pins were recently presented at Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln County, to 25 persons. The four above have a perfect attendance record in Sunday school ranging from ten years to 19 years. Left to right they are Sheila Hall, Rodney Hodges, Mitchell Hall, and Jim Green.



Charles M. Clark, now of New Albany, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, has been appointed associate professor of art at Blue Mountain College. He holds the B.A. degree in visual design from Auburn University and M.A. degree in painting from University of Mississippi. Mr. Clark has presented one-man art shows at Municipal Gallery, Jackson, Blue Mountain College, and Northeast Junior College. He presented his first life-size faculty art exhibition in Paschal Student Center, Blue Mountain College on September 11. He has designed Blue Mountain's booth display for the Mississippi Baptist Convention and it will be ready for the November convention at First Church, Jackson.



Ralph Hall and Wayne King were ordained to the gospel ministry recently by Evansville Church, Tate County. Presently Mr. Hall is interim pastor of Thomaston Church, Thomaston, Ala., while Mr. King is pastor of Malmeson Church, Carrollton. They will continue their education this fall in college. Shown presenting the ordination certificates is Rev. Bernette Fielder, pastor of the Evansville Church.



Zion Hill Church (Mississippi Association) had three to receive perfect attendance pins in Sunday School for the year ending September 30, 1973. They are 11 year old Charles Henry Roder, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Leon Whittington, eight-year pin; Mrs. D. M. Dixon, Jr. nine-year pin; and D. M. Dixon, Jr. ten-year pin. Mr. Dixon is Sunday School director, and also Sunday School director for the Mississippi Association. Rev. Ray Harrison, shown in the photo on the left, is pastor.

Rev. Joe B. Walker, pictured, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Olivet Church, Gulfport. He is pastor of Shoreline Chapel in Waveland, Olivet pastor, Rev. Floyd E. Hughes, preached the ordination sermon. Special music was presented by the Olivettes and by Mr. Parkinson's daughter, Paula Ann. Native of Durant, Mr. Parkinson attended Holmes Junior College. He is studying now with the Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Seminary, Gulf Coast Center. He and his wife, the former Melba Layton of Mendenhall, and their four children, Paula Ann, Rhonda Gay, Jennifer Leah, and Roy, Jr., live at 118 Dare Drive, Gulfport. The family has lived on the Coast since 1958 and were instrumental in the organization of the Olivet Church in 1960.

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Perfect attendance pins were recently presented at Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln County, to 25 persons. The four above have a perfect attendance record in Sunday school ranging from ten years to 19 years. Left to right they are Sheila Hall, Rodney Hodges, Mitchell Hall, and Jim Green.



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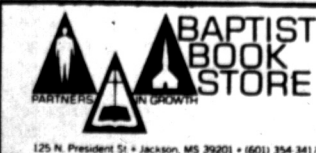
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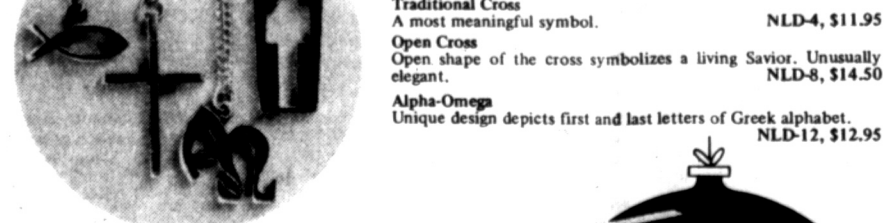
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# Victory Through God's Unfailing Love

By Clifton J. Allen  
Romans 8

The eighth chapter of Romans is one of the greatest chapters in the Bible. In a sense, this chapter completes Paul's treatment of the righteousness of God. In the earlier chapters he has shown man's awful guilt and condemnation because of sin, the wondrous truth of justification by faith, and the obligation of Christians to strive to realize the full potential for victory over sin in the new life in Christ. Now Paul shows the divine resources which make it possible to live on the level of holiness, serene faith, and inspiring victory. Our lesson focuses on an emphasis on victory in suffering. But we should see salvation in its comprehensive meaning from conversion to fulfillment through being conformed to the image of the Son of God.

## The Lesson Explained LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

We must trace the movement of Paul's thought through Romans 8 before coming to the climax of victory in suffering. Life in the Spirit is one of true freedom. Our freedom in inward, anchored in the experience of conversion. It is now possible to achieve moral goodness and bear the fruits of righteousness through the power of the Spirit. But this will require renouncing concern for fleshly satisfaction and seeking always to be governed by the mind of the Spirit. This is our obligation as the children of God. In this relationship with our Father-God we are to show trust and love and obedience because we are under the control of the Spirit and we have the help of the Spirit.

All the blessedness of life in the Spirit does not rule out the experience of suffering. It is a normal part of the earthly life — because of the consequences of sin, the experience of sickness or tragedy, the result of injustice, the suffering involved in redemptive service to Christ, and, possibly, persecution. We can endure suffering, however, with fortitude through the help of the Spirit and through cherishing the assurance of glory in the future life. Paul declares that even the greatest universal groans in travail leading to be delivered from the bondage of corruption and to share in the liberty of the children of God. Whatever suffering may come, we can trust a loving God, who makes all things work together for good for those who love him and who are committed to his purpose. God's purpose of grace will come to fulfillment; Christians will

ultimately bear the image of the Son and participate in his glory.

## BLESSED ASSURANCE (vv. 31-34)

These verses declare two sublime truths: God is for us; there is no charge against us. Paul's reference to "these things" probably points back to "the sufferings of this present time," to the temptations and hardships which are common to human experience. If God is for us, and surely he is, it makes no difference who is against us. Because Christ has become the atonement for our sins, there is no ground for any charge against God's elect, that is, against the Christian. The great saving acts of Christ's redemptive works stand: He died; he arose from the dead; he ascended to the right hand of God; and he makes intercession for us as our ever-living Savior. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that he is able to save those who trust him clear down to the end, in every life

situation, in every temptation, and even from death itself.

Here we have our basis of conviction about the security of the Christian. All who believe in Christ will be kept, not automatically or irrespectively of their perversity or waywardness, through faith by the power of God. Security assumes the new nature of the Christian and the mighty working of the Spirit in the Christian's life.

## LOVE THAT WILL NOT FAIL (vv. 35-39)

Paul's question is for emphasis: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" The answer is, "Nothing!" But before making that affirmation Paul raises other questions to point out the severest trials which may come in the Christian's life: tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword. Having such experiences, however, does not mean that God has turned against us. The glorious assurance is that God's

love is still the same—constant, forgiving, inexhaustible, all-wise, and all-powerful. This means that we can be "more than the conquerors through him that loved us." Nothing in the whole range of human experience and existence can separate us from God's love in Christ. It will not fail; it will not let us go. It is constant and sufficient; it is eternal and triumphant. Because of God's love in Christ, the Christian life can be one of victory for the Lord.

## Joe Wheeler Dies In Greenville

Joe Wheeler of Greenville died on September 17, 1973. He had been a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class of First Church, Greenville, for 54 years and secretary of the class for more than 30 years.

Men of the Fellowship Class have adopted a resolution in honor of Mr. Wheeler and stating that "Joe Wheeler's life exemplified Christian love and influence and a love of God, the memory of which will always be cherished by the members of our class. The class has lost one of its most beloved members and his presence will be missed by our entire membership."

E. F. McMurry is teacher of the class and John Brame is president. Dr. Barry Landrum is pastor of the church.



## Deacon Over 50 Years

Ewell E. Walker, right, of Drew was honored by Drew Church at a recent Sunday night service. The pastor, Rev. Bob G. Lynch, left, presented him with a plaque that read "In recognition of and appreciation for dedicated and unselfish service to God through his church, The Drew Baptist Church, Drew, Mississippi, honors Ewell Earl Walker who has served as a deacon for 50 years, ordained in 1923 at Sunflower Plantation Baptist Church, Merigold, Mississippi."

Walker, a barber, moved to Drew in 1927. He and his wife, the former Cassie Hughes, have six children—Dr. Lee H. Walker, Utica; J.P. Walker, principal at Forest Hill School, Jack-

son; Mrs. Nannette Shaw, teacher in the Coahoma County Schools; Mrs. Virginia Ann Williams, an apartment manager in West Memphis, Ark.; E. E. Walker, Jr., Drew; and Mrs. Shirley Smith, wife of a minister of music at Tupelo.

The Walkers' grandson, Derek Smith of Tupelo, who is an ordained minister, preached the evening service.

In addition to serving as a deacon, Walker has been Junior boys' Sunday School teacher, Training Union director, Brotherhood president, assistant Sunday School director, and member of many church committees.



## New Material Suggested For Revised Hymnal

The New Material Subcommittee of the Hymnal Committee revising Baptist Hymnal met in Nashville recently to screen 500 suggestions of hymns and tunes that do not appear in the present hymnal. The recommendations of this committee will then be screened through the Theological and Doctrinal Evaluation subcommittee, and then to the full committee of 68 people for approval or disapproval. Committee members are: (1 to r, back row) Larry Black, minister of music, First Church, Jackson, Miss.; Gerald Ray, minister of music, First Church, Houston; Gordon Stoker of The Jordannaire, Nashville; and composer Beryl Red, New York City. First row (1 to r), Mrs. Emma McCall, minister of music, Union Church, Atlanta; Thad Roberts, minister of music, South Main Church, Houston; William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board and chairman of the Hymnal Committee; Claude H. Rhea, Samford University; Donald P. Hustad, Southern Seminary; Sharron Lyon (seated), keyboard consultant, church music department, Sunday School Board.

## New Orleans Seminary Plans Third Interterm

A third Interterm session at New Orleans Seminary has been set for Jan. 8-18, between the regular Fall and Spring semesters, featuring five guest instructors, several men from the seminary's own faculty, and the school's president.

The two-week Interterm provides continuing education opportunity for pastors, pastors' wives, church staff members, and other interested persons who cannot enroll as full-time students. Regular seminary students may also enroll in the mini-session for elective credit.

Courses scheduled for the mini-session include "Living the Gospel in Community Relations," "Witnessing Through Writing," "Ministering in Crisis Situations," "Preaching from the Bible," and "Interpreting the Letters of John."

Teaching the course in community relations will be Dr. William Pinson, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern and Dr. Malcolm O. Tolbert, professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans.

Dr. Robert Hastings, editor of the Illinois Baptist and Dr. J. Terry Young, associate professor of theology at New Orleans and former editor of the California Southern Baptist, will work together in teaching the course in writing.

The teaching team for "Ministering in Crisis Situations" includes Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, from the Midwest Christian Counseling Center in Kansas City, Rev. J. Truett Gannon, pastor of First Church in New Orleans, and Dr. Harold L. Rutledge, professor of psychology and counseling at New Orleans.

Dr. Grady C. Cothen, president of New Orleans Seminary, will be on the team for the preaching course. With him will be Dr. James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., and Dr. James C. Taylor, professor of preaching at New Orleans.

"Interpreting the Letters of John," a night class, will be taught by Dr. James A. Brooks, associate professor of New Testament and Greek. This

class will meet from 7 to 9 nightly.

The other classes will meet four hours each day, 8 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. All classes will meet Tuesdays through Fridays.

Persons interested in continuing their Christian education through Interterm should contact Dr. George C. Herndon, Registrar, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

## Stoneham, Retired SBC Annuity Board Executive, Dies

DALLAS (BP) — Funeral services were conducted here for J. D. Stoneham, who retired in 1970 as director of Relief and Annuity Service for the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board.

Stoneham, 70, died September 29 in Fletcher, N. C., after suffering a stroke while visiting relatives there. Burial was in Dallas.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Witnessing Through My Church To The Love Of God

Acts 19:7-10, 18-23; 20:17-21  
By Bill Duncan

The church is alive and well! This is the idea that caught my attention in the Home Missions magazine for October, in describing First Church, San Antonio, Texas. "With a mixture of evangelism and social action, San Antonio First proves God hasn't moved to suburbia. A person could really witness through that kind of church the love of God and 'good news of Christ.'"

"Our church seeks to be God's family in community... providing instruction, encouragement, refuge, strength, comfort, light, hope... for all," says Pastor J. Dewey Hobbs, Jr. of First Church, Marion, N. C. "Through worship, study of the Bible, revelation, training we seek to equip ourselves for the responsible task of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our world. To this end the deacons are constantly seeking fresh ways of ministering to our church family and to the community."

This is the type of church that extends its witness to the world because the basis of the church is not a creed but a relationship of live in commitment. There are instances in the New Testament in which God called individuals to witness for him, but God's call came to Christians associated together in the fellowship of the new life in Christ. New Testament Christians were not "loners" but they worked to create a church. Jesus called his followers together in a learning fellowship, that they might grow into persons who would truly follow Jesus. The first time Jesus sent them out, they went two by two. Then they came back and reported to the group what had happened. By being together they were learning from him and being empowered by him.

Jesus called the followers not just to serve him in isolation but as a part of a learning, strengthening, witnessing fellowship. The purpose of the witnessing effort through the church is to result in the developing and constant strengthening of the fellowship

in Christ which we know as the church.

Can a person expect God to use his witness if he is not faithful to the church? No half-hearted church attendance and no casual commitment to the cause of Christ is going to have much effect on the unsaved world. The strength for effective witnessing for Christ will come from your life in the church. Therefore, we need to learn to love the church.

Churches strengthen their witness also as they serve people in need in many different ways. This may be the practical everyday needs that people have. Living like Jesus lived exposes people to service. Witnessing is strengthened by deeds, not by words only. Believers grow, not only by study and prayer, but by deeds of service done in the Spirit.

Every Sunday the church should prepare you for witnessing. We should be reminded of what our message is, we should be encouraged to pray for others who are seeking to witness too. The church should give training to us on how we may witness better. Thus the learning fellowship can become a witnessing fellowship.

The church is a fellowship that involves you in reaching out to others for Christ. No other group is interested in people's winning others to Christ. Only the church provides opportunities for you to witness for Christ or seeks to inspire you to witness in everyday life. Thus the church exists to serve lots mankind by clearly communicating to the lost the saving power of God in Christ. Therefore, I am deeply committed to the church as God's instrument for evangelism.

When Paul went to Ephesus, he found the small group of believers which he called a church. As Paul labored with the group for a long time, much good was accomplished that he could not have done alone. The Bible passages show how he did an effective work by working through the group.

## The Strategy For Beginning A Church Acts 19:7-10

Paul soon found a group of interested followers of John the Baptist who did not fully understand Jesus

Messiahship and the Holy Spirit. They needed instruction. Paul told them of the salvation which the Holy Spirit brings about and they believed and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. This was the first step of personal witness.

Paul always went to the synagogue to teach. When the opposition to his teaching grew strong he withdrew and formed a congregation that was called the church. In a school hall

## Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux Pastor At New Elbethel

Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux has been pastor of New Elbethel Church in Lafayette County since August 1 of this year.

An article in the October 11 issue of the Baptist Record concerning the church's ordination of Charles Keel to the gospel ministry incorrectly stated that Rev. Edward Peoples is the pastor. Mr. Peoples, a former pastor at New Elbethel, preached the ordination sermon on September 23.

Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux, the present pastor of New Elbethel, presented a Bible to Mr. Keel as a gift from the church.

## David Byrd Celebrates 20th Anniversary At Tennessee Church

West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tennessee, observed the twentieth anniversary of their pastor, Dr. David Q. Byrd, Jr., on Sunday, October 7.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-elect, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was the special speaker in the Sunday evening service. The church presented trips to Bible Lands to Dr. and Mrs. Byrd; also gifts of luggage, a camera, cash, etc.

Under Dr. Byrd's leadership the West Jackson Church has grown to a membership of some 2300 with an annual budget in 1973 of \$325,000.

Dr. Byrd is a native of Clinton, and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. Prior to going to Jackson he served the Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian.

Special guests of the day were Dr. Byrd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Q. Byrd of Clinton.

he preached and worked for two more years. Working through the congregation, Paul's witness was for reaching out.

## Growth Through Action

Many of the people who came to practice Christianity in the early days had a background different from ours. The practice of black magic, for selfish or immoral purposes, was everywhere. Salvation brought about a great change in lives of those who practiced magic so there was a change shown in their actions. The people admitted their wrong and burned their books as a witness through the church.

The atmosphere around the church called for the purifying of the wrong. Righteousness rejects sin and exposes it. Salvation costs some people the rejection of expensive tastes and likes. The church should accept the sinner but reject the sin.

## Develops A Relationship

Paul could not pass by Ephesus without stopping to offer encouragement. This visit expressed a love of a pastor for his people, and the recall of the work and the service that gave rich rewards. The effort of witness there had been to all people by visitation, preaching, service in humility, and deep emotion. Together the people were able to set forth a solid witness and establish the church by witnessing.

The church of today needs to develop a full participation of members in witnessing to others. The church can be more effective than one person by himself.

## Southern Seminary Enrollment Increases

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Southern Baptists' oldest institution is still growing at the seasoned age of 114.

Southern Seminary began classes this term with 1304 students enrolled, up from 1193 at this time last fall. The nine percent increase marks the twelfth consecutive year in which the student body has grown. In 1961 enrollment was 817.

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# Ask Voting Rights For Overseas Staff

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists have joined a number of bipartisan groups in asking Congress to enact a law guaranteeing the right of U. S. Citizens living overseas to vote in federal elections.

Some 750,000 Americans living overseas have been prevented from voting because of the variety of state election laws. These citizens include missionaries, teachers, retirees, business men and women, news correspondents and a variety of others.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of which Sen. Claiborne (D-R.I.) is chairman. He asked the Senate to act favorably on S. 2101, a bill to make it possible for overseas citizens to vote in federal elections.

Wood testified on behalf of six Baptist foreign mission boards that requested him to represent their viewpoint before the Senate committee. These were foreign mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches in the U. S. A., Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Sen. Charles M. Mathias Jr. (R-Md.) explained to the subcommittee that the 750,000 citizens abroad were disenfranchised because of many state election laws.

Some of these states require a voter's actual presence or maintenance

of a home in the state as a requirement for voting. Some raise a doubt of voting eligibility for nonresidents because their return date is uncertain. Some citizens are unsure that they will return to the state of their last residence.

Many citizens abroad refrain from voting because of fear that they will then become subject to state income taxes in the state where they vote.

S. 2101 and H. R. 9023 would:

- Allow the otherwise qualified citizen to vote in the state in which he or she had last voted or registered to vote, or if the citizen had not voted or registered, in the last state in which he or she maintained a domicile before departure from the U.S.A.;
- Assure the American citizen over-

seas that exercising the right to register and vote absentee would not jeopardize tax exemptions from state income tax laws and

—Recommend that a uniform application form, similar to the federal post card application, be used for application registration.

Wood stated that Baptist support of S. 2101 is motivated by commitment to three propositions: (1) The right of all citizens to vote in federal elections is a basic right of U. S. citizenship and integral to American democracy; (2) The right of suffrage should be compatible with basic American concepts of equity and justice as applied to all without discrimination between private citizens and those associated with government and military service; and

(3) The right of a private citizen to

movement and travel (as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment), including the maintenance of a permanent residence overseas for legitimate purposes, should not be the basis of a citizen's disenfranchisement.

In addition to the Baptist spokesman, the National Association of Evangelicals was represented by Floyd Robertson of the NAE Office of Public Affairs. He took a similar position to that of the Baptists in support of voting rights of overseas citizens.

Other senators testifying for the bill were Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and William V. Roth Jr. (R-Del.).

These were joined by William G. Whyte of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. Nathan Lewin, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the U. S., Sargent Shriver, former ambassador to France and other notable citizens groups.

The two-day hearing is but the beginning of the legislative process on a bill for voting rights. The measure must be cleared by the subcommittee, then the full committee on Rules and Administration, then a vote in the Senate.

The same procedure must be followed in the House of Representatives.

## Devotional

### Thank You

By Bob Maddux

Ministers (preachers) often are accused of quoting a poem when they have nothing else to say. That accusation is justified at times. Nevertheless, I am about to quote a little song that has become one of my own favorites simply because, as is often true with Christian hymns, it expresses so well what I feel in my own heart especially as we have just concluded a most happy pastorate with some choice people of God in Pelahatchie.

Following the guidance of God, we will be leaving for Great Falls, Montana this week where we have been called as pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church there. It is with heavy heart and yet a firm faith that we bid farewell to beloved Mississippi family and friends "Thanking God for every remembrance of you."

The trauma of moving to new fields of service is a deep emotional experience that has been shared by many Christians since the Apostle Paul who taught us, despite the sorrow of separation to give thanks in everything and always—even a month before Thanksgiving! Mississippi Baptists have been a blessing beyond measure to me personally as well as to Montana Baptists. So here now is a token of my heartfelt gratitude.

Thank you, for every new good morning,  
Thank you, for every bright new day;  
Thank you, that I may cast my burden wholly onto you.  
Thank you, for every friend I have, Lord.  
Thank you, for every one I know.  
Thank you, when I can feel forgiveness for my greatest foe.  
Thank you, for leisure and employment;  
Thank you, for every heartfelt joy.  
Thank you, for all that makes me happy and for memories.  
Thank you, for every pain and sorrow.  
Thank you, for comfort in your Word.  
Thank you, that I am guided by You everywhere I go.  
Thank you, for grace to know your gospel.  
Thank you, for all your spirit's power.  
Thank you, for your unfailing love that reaches far and near.  
Thank you, for free and full salvation,  
Thank you, for grace to hold it fast.  
Thank you, O Lord, I want to thank you that I'm free to thank!

## Co-Lin Carnival Proceeds To Go To Summer Missions

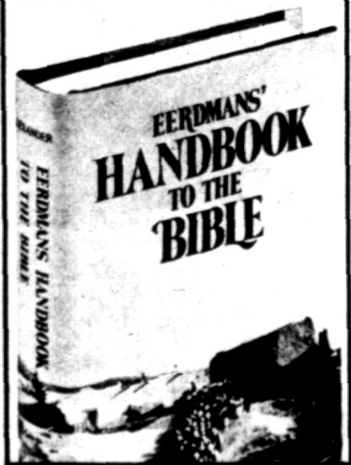
The sixth annual Halloween Carnival sponsored by Copiah - Lincoln Junior College's Baptist Student Union is set for Halloween night, Oct. 31, beginning at 7 p.m. In the old gym in Callendar Hall, the carnival will offer prizes from several booths. Sally Britt, Brookhaven sophomore and special activities chairman for BSU, is in charge of the carnival.

Admission is 15¢ with the same price for each booth. Proceeds will go to summer missions, according to Rev. Roy Smith, BSU director.

Joe Daniel, Silver Creek sophomore and president of BSU, issues a special invitation for everyone to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Golden

## Pheba Celebrates Joe Golden Day

Pheba Church, Clay County, on October 7, celebrated Joe Golden Day in honor of Joe Golden who has served 32 years as a deacon there. The church presented Mrs. Golden with a corsage. She has served faithfully too, over the years, in the church work. Mr. Golden was presented a recliner chair by the church.

Pheba ordained Rubel Alford as deacon on September 23. They are now building a four-bedroom parsonage and have ordered colored stained glass windows for the church. Rev. Carl Morris is pastor.

## Called To Locust Street

Rev. Robert L. Dunn, pictured, has accepted the pastorate of Locust Street Church, McComb.



He has moved to McComb from the pastorate of Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville. While he was at Juniper Grove, five men were licensed to preach and one entered the full-time ministry - youth ministry. There were

65 additions to the church by baptism and 29 by letter. A bus ministry was started, and a music - youth minister was employed.

Mr. Dunn graduated from Clarke College, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary.

He is the son of Mrs. D. D. Dunn of Monticello. His wife is the former Aline Hedgepeth. They have five children, Robyn, 9, Mark, 13, David, 16, Dennis, 20, and Leon, 21. Dennis is enrolled at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall and Leon is a student at Clarke College, as well as minister of music and youth for Carmel Church, Meridian.

## Kate Durham Morgan Asks:

### Had You Thought About This?

Don't be afraid to EXPRESS your love if truly you do feel love for them. At first it may SURPRISE them, but it NEVER offends. It is ALWAYS a welcomed expression.

Often they will immediately react to your statement by replying, "And I love you."

For our loves FAR away phone calls cannot be financed every night. How then can contact with them be made as frequently as needed? By the ONE-WAY conversation, which we call a LETTER. The mail - carrier, next morning, may have four or five letters to pick up at the mail-box on the porch of the one living alone.

But really you aren't alone when friends surround you in many states. Write them often. They're interested in all you are doing, and especially interested in that meaningful closing, "Remember now as I close that I love you very much."

You have not HEARD their replies, but even as you write the letter, knowing them, you can know their reaction to the news you're telling them. And several days later their ONE-WAY conversation to you arrives, giving great pleasure as you read.

To have a friend, you MUST be one. To receive love, you MUST express love. Via letters you can meet others and enjoy fellowship in many states in one night's WRITING period.

This contact is relaxing, bringing a warm realization of others' near-

ness to you. The awareness of their love is very pleasant to think of as you drop off to sleep.

For persons living alone, sleep comes more readily if they have fellowship with friends and loved ones for at least one half hour before retiring.

For talking with those living in the same location or in a nearby area, the telephone is God's wonderful gift of communication. With these nearby friends, one living alone can visit, exchanging news of the day, plans for the tomorrow, and words of appreciation and love.

LOVE is a great satisfier and fills a great emptiness. Do you LOVE these you are talking with. Then say so at the closing of the conversation, "I love you, 'You are very dear to me', 'I can sleep better now I've talked with you.'"

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Highland Church, Meridian: Oct. 6-14; evangelist Rick Ingle, Denton, Texas; singer J. B. Betts, Southaven; 58 professions of faith; 12 additions by letter; pastor Jackie Hamilton.

Stanton Church, Natchez: October 1-7; two professions of faith; one addition by letter; 39 decisions; Rev. William Hines, pastor of Selmont Church, Selma, Alabama, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, Jr., Petal, song leader; Rev. John Paul Russell, Jr., pastor.

Fayette: October 7-12; one profession of faith; eight rededications; Rev. Charles Funderburk of Cherokee, Ala., speaker; Joe Collum of Vicksburg, music director; Rev. Randy McHan, pastor.

## Revival Dates

Crestwood Church (Hinds): Oct. 28-31; 7:00 p.m. Rev. David Cranford, pastor, Southern Hills Church, evangelist; Dennis Cooke, music director, Crestwood Church; Rev. Carlie Hill, pastor. (David Cranford's father was pastor of Crestwood at one time.)

First Church, Lucedale: Oct. 28-Nov. 2; Rev. P. A. (Red) Michel, pastor First Church, Brookhaven, evangelist; Bob H. Jones, minister of music, Main St. Church, Hattiesburg, singer; services 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. David Merritt, pastor.



## BMC Elects 'College Promotion Band'

These students of Blue Mountain College have been elected as members of the "COLLEGE PROMOTION BAND." They will augment the official student selection committees with their talents for singing, speaking in churches, schools, and before civic clubs, and will render many other services during the 1973-74 annual session. Seated is Denise Davis, Orange City, Fla.; and standing, left to right, are Nona Kay Middleton, Eupora; Amy Nolan, Sharonville, Ill.; Robin Smith, Picayune; and Teresa LaFarlette, Blytheville, Ark.

## Moves To Mt. Zion

Rev. Paul McDonald has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Zion Church, Leake County, and has moved on the field, where he and his family received a warm welcome with supper and fellowship, and many gifts.

He moved from the Corinth Church, Jasper County, where he had been pastor for almost ten years. At Corinth he led the people in constructing a new church building with central heat and air, new church furniture, including pews, new piano, and new organ. Within the past two years, Corinth has also built a new pastor's home, centrally cooled and heated. The church is now almost debt-free.

State delegations approved final draft of Constitution at Philadelphia Convention on Sept. 17, 1787. Thirty-nine of forty-two delegates in attendance signed, transmitted the Constitution to Congress of the Confederation and adjourned.

## Nine Emeritus - - -

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ing 33 years of overseas service, was first appointed to Nigeria. She and her late husband became the first Southern Baptist missionaries in Ghana when transferred there in 1947. She is the former Ossie Price of Eastman, Ga.

Mrs. Robert F. Ricketson taught at Southern Baptist College, M'lang, Philippines, prior to returning to the States in 1972. Having served 36 years, she was first appointed to China. Her husband was president of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio, from 1963-66 before his death in 1970. The former Bettie Abernethy, she was born in Harmon County, Okla., and lived in Texas. Her youngest son, Samuel A. Ricketson, is also a Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines.

Miss Maye Bell Taylor spent almost 35 years in Brazil as a missionary faculty member, principal of a Baptist school and director of a good will center. A Texan, she was born in Eldorado and lived in Haskell.

A missionary for 37 years, Miss Jennie Alderman served in China and Taiwan doing evangelistic work. While in Taiwan, she worked in Keelung until 1965 and transferred to the capital city of Taipei. A native of Alcolu, S. C., she worked in a children's home in Nebo, N. C., prior to her missionary appointment. While she was in the States for six years during World War II she taught school in Weaver, N. C., and Darlington, S. C.

Miss Floryne Miller, a missionary to Japan for 33 years, taught Bible classes in her home and churches in Kitakyushu. She also served in Hawaii and China during World War II. She is a native of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Miss Lorene Lilford taught English and Bible for 36 years in China and Taiwan. She studied language in Canton and Hong Kong before going to Shanghai in 1938 and later transferred to Taiwan in 1962. A native of Tennessee, she was born in Tullahoma and lived in Shelbyville and Murfreesboro.

First Continental Congress, with all colonies except Georgia represented, assembled at Philadelphia on Sept. 5, 1774, to consider ways of dealing with Britain's Coercive Acts, punishment for Boston Tea Party. In October, Congress endorsed sanctions against Britain.

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## Off The Record

### Lesson in Logic

"I'm six," said the proud little boy.  
"Six!" teased the adult. "You're not as tall as my umbrella."  
"And how old is your umbrella?" asked the little boy.

### He Started It

The doting mother asked her child, "Why are you making faces at the bulldog?"  
"Well," said the kid, "he started it!"

### Come - down

A father was buying a fountain pen for his son's birthday gift.  
"I suppose it's to be a surprise," said the clerk.  
"I'll say it is," replied the father. "He's expecting a new car!"

Modern Version:  
When the Lord told Moses that he was destined to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, He said, "Moses, I have some good news and some bad news for you. The good news is that you will divide the waters of the Red Sea. The bad news is that before you do you'll have to file an Environmental Impact Statement." — Leo Aikman, Atlanta Constitution

Among the string of letters after the monsignor's name were L.L.B., B.A.—denoting the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts. Once, while wearing his vestments, which resemble those of a bishop, he was asked what the letter signified. He replied, "L.L.B.—Looks Like Bishop; B.A.—But Ain't."

Employers want alert young men between 25 and 35, with 40 years of experience.

Voter to politician: "I liked the straightforward way you dodged all the issues!"

### You Figure It Out

A customer wrote to a publisher: "I never ordered the blasted book. If I did, you didn't send it. If you sent it, I never got it. If I got it, I paid for it. If I didn't, I won't."

### Spare Me!

The client told the psychiatrist that he had illusions. "What illusions?" asked the doctor.

"That bugs are crawling on me," he said, brushing his arms vigorously as if to get them off.

"Well, don't get 'em on me!" cried the alarmed psychiatrist.